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Hello ,

If you haven't had a chance to already, we strongly recommend that you take some time to write your family biography. Your family biography can be used as a recruitment tool to get caseworkers to notice, and inquire about, your family. A well-written and clean-looking biography with clear pictures will capture the attention of a caseworker and prompt them to request more information about your family. Below, please find a brief outline of what to include in your family biography:

Child Preferences: Include some general information on your child preferences- boy, girl, age range, sibling group size, ethnicities, and special needs levels.

Introduction: Tell us about yourself and what is important in your life

Home and Community: Briefly describe your home and community

Parenting Experience/Trainings: Write about your parenting experiences, and the strengths you and your family bring to the table.

Support: Write about your support system. This support can come from family members, friends, or organizations in your community

Motivation to Adopt: Write about your commitment to the child/children you are seeking to adopt

Following those headers will ensure that your biography flows and that you included all of the necessary information.

The more specific you are with the details you provide, the better. You want the caseworker to have a complete idea of who you are, why you want to adopt, and what you are looking for in a child. Be careful to not make your biography too wordy, though-remember that the caseworker will also need time to read your home study!

Don't forget to add pictures! Make sure that your photos are clear, in color, and close up. Pictures where you are wearing a hat/sunglasses or ones that are taken at a great distance do not work well in family biographies. In addition, avoid pictures of extended family as that can be confusing to a caseworker and overwhelming to a child. Only include pictures of the members of your household (including your pets!)

For more detailed information on what to include in your family biography, please view the biography how-to that is attached to this email.

For further questions or assistance, please contact the Matching Assistance Coordinator at nora.sharp@afamilyforeverychild.org

Happy writing!

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