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Dear ,

Adoption is a process that takes place over a period of time and requires informed adoptive applicants to make the final decision. The family can do some searching on their own by reviewing the AFFEC Photolisting®, media outlets, other child profile resources and attending adoption parties (if an option in their area). During this time families are encouraged to keep looking and develop a positive support and resource system to assist as needed.

Please let us know if you have any questions or would like more information.

1. Prior to committing to a child

(A) Become familiar with your state adoption laws. You can find links to your state's adoption laws [here](#). Oregon laws may be found [here](#); Washington laws [here](#); Idaho laws are [here](#); Montana laws may be found [here](#); and finally, Alaska laws may be viewed [here](#).

(B) Receive and review all child study information and background information on child(ren). Please keep in mind that not all background information will be complete. Ask the child's caseworker who you may contact for any additional information, or talk to the child's foster parents.

(C) Talk to the social worker/agency to answer any questions on the child(ren). If possible, speak with the child's foster parents as well.

(D) Find out subsidy rates of the state where the child is. You can learn more about a state's subsidy rates [here](#).

(E) Find out from the custodial agency when pre-placement visitations with the child will be and the requirements of the visitations.

2. Prior to placement of child in home

(A) Ask to speak to the foster parent(s) of the child if possible to ask additional questions.

(B) Work out exact amount of subsidy and Medicaid coverage for the child with the custodial agency. Make sure you have understanding with the custodial agency on when the payments will begin.

(C) Have the supervision arrangements finalized; who will be providing supervision services, what will be the requirements of supervision, how many visits, etc.

(D) Find out requirements of filing One Time Non-Reoccurring Adoption Expenses and the total amount the state where the child is located will reimburse.

(E) If you are adopting a child from another state, make sure ICPC (Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children) was completed by the custodial agency and the agency that will provide post placement supervision. In most adoption circumstances, both states have to agree to the placement prior to the child coming home. For more information on the ICPC rules for a particular state, please visit the [ICPC State Pages](#) site.

(F) Research the resources in your community available for the child.

3. After placement and prior to finalization

(A) If the state requires filing of the One Time Non-Reoccurring Adoption Expenses prior to finalization, submit all the paperwork needed.

(B) Make sure you have the court costs and attorney's fees calculated early so you can include them in your request.

4. Additional information resources to aid the family

Visit one of the following websites for additional information regarding special needs adoption:

[Child Welfare Information Gateway](#)

[North American Council on Adoptable Children \(NACAC\)](#)

[Child Welfare League of America](#)

[Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption](#)

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