

Joyful World Ministries, Inc.

All Age Adoptions Plus – Adoptions With Individual Care and Attention

Every child deserves a family

CONTRACT FOR HOME STUDY PREPLACEMENT INVESTIGATION AND REPORT

I am contracting with Joyful World Ministries, Inc. DBA All Age Adoptions Plus (JWM) for a homestudy pre-placement study report and understand the following:

A homestudy, also called a preplacement study or a SAFE study is an investigative process that prepares me and approves me as an adoptive parent. It is required for a private, agency, domestic or international adoption and for most family adoptions. It is a process in which I will actively participate to explore my parenting abilities, my lifestyle, my background, my beliefs, my values and other aspects of my life, in addition to the resources for the types of children that are in need of homes. By contracting for a pre-placement study, I will not automatically be approved as an adoptive parent. A homestudy is not a contract or guarantee for the placement of a child.

Joyful World Ministries, Inc. or I can stop the study process at any time. If JWM decides to stop the process, I will receive a written explanation and recommendations. If I decide to stop the process or put it on hold, I will inform JWM in writing.

I agree to participate in adoptive parent education, training and/or counseling as needed or required to help me make the best choices for myself, my family and the child I may adopt, and to fully understand the issues involved in adoptive parenting.

JWM maintains the confidentiality of all client case records and client identifying information including all adoptive families and applicant files. JWM has my permission to disclose the information they received from me and about me during or pre-placement study, and the final report, to agencies and individuals who may be involved in my adoption process. This may include, but is not limited to: NM CYFD, the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children, USCIS, other child placement agencies, courts, attorneys, and judges. Non-identifying information may be given to other adoptive families who need information about the adoption process and biological families considering placing a child with me for adoption.

Paperwork provided to JWM in the process of the study becomes the property of JWM. I am entitled and encouraged to make and keep copies of paperwork before giving it to JWM.

I understand that a copy of my homestudy may not be automatically released to me. If copies are released to me I understand that alterations are prohibited. Reproduction or distribution may be allowed with permission.

I understand that it is my duty to disclose all information regarding present or a history of physical, mental, or emotional health problems, in addition to information regarding arrests, history of substance abuse, or an offender of sexual abuse, child abuse, or family violence. I am aware of my duty to disclose any new events or information that might warrant submission of an amended or updated home study.

The cost of the pre-placement study is paid at the beginning of the study and is not reimbursable regardless of the outcome of the study.

I understand JWM has a Policy and Procedure (P&P) to establish a protocol for the grievance process and resolution. This P&P incorporates the standards for NM regulations 8.26.5.18 NMAC and Federal regulations 22CFR 96.41 and includes information for the Complaint Registry, to me as a client at the time this contract is signed. This P&P permits any expectant parent, birthparent, prospective adoptive parent or adoptive parent, or adoptee to lodge directly with our agency, signed and dated complaints about any service or activity that I believe raises an issue of compliance with the Hague Convention, the Intercountry Adoption Act or regulations implementing the Intercountry Adoption Act. It also advises me and of the additional procedures if I am dissatisfied with the agency's response to my complaint.

NM regulations 8.26.5.18 NMAC also acknowledges JWM's responsibility to protect the safety of children. It requires that agency staff (pursuant to the New Mexico Children's Code, 32A-4-1 et. seq. NMSA 1978) and all licensed (approved for adoptions) families report all suspected incidents of abuse and neglect involving children in the agency's care and advise the child's legal guardian when such a report is made. It address the safety of children who may be harmed while in the care and control of the agency or its providers and include a plan stating the course of action followed in the event a child is harmed, without regard to how the incident occurred, and identifying the line of authority and the decision-making process to assist in the reporting and investigation of these matters.

JWM prohibits all employees, supervised providers, and exempt providers, prospective adoptive parents, or otherwise affiliated with JWM from giving money or other consideration directly or indirectly, to a child's parent(s), other individual(s), or an entity as payment for the child or as an inducement to release the child for adoption.

For adoptions within the United States, I have been advised that New Mexico is a "no facilitator state" and that only an attorney, child placement agency, investigator or counselor licensed in New Mexico or another state where the adoption service is being facilitated may provide an adoption service for compensation. A full financial accounting of all disbursements for adoption services must be approved by ICPC or a NM Courts. Example of Adoption Service: *arranging or assisting in the process of connecting or matching parents who may place a child for adoption with prospective adoptive parents; providing counseling, advice or guidance related to a potential adoption; receiving or disbursing funds or anything of value on behalf of a prospective adoptive parent or to a parent who may place or has placed a child for adoption.*

A JWM staff member is available to discuss this contract with me prior to my signing and submitting it to JWM. I certify that the information I give, written or verbally, will be true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If any of the information is determined to be willfully incorrectly stated, I acknowledge that JWM has the right to stop services.

Signature

Date

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