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DOMESTIC ADOPTION PROGRAM



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WHAT IS DOMESTIC ADOPTION?

Domestic Adoption is the adoption of a child born in the same country as the adoptive parents. Domestic Adoption can take place only when the biological parents relinquish their parental rights to that child.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON OUR DOMESTIC ADOPTION PROGRAM

Beacon House has many years of experience with the domestic adoptions of children of all ethnic backgrounds. Requirements and procedures for all the programs are very similar. Placements are made nationwide with the exception of New York State, and this agency has placed in a number of other countries.

Requirements for adopting families: Beacon House utilizes the most flexible criteria for approving adoptive families, within the parameters of each state's law. Beacon House is interested in making an adoptive placement that fits your family and fits the birth mother's wants and needs. Our criterion does not exclude single parents or families with existing children. The main criteria for any adoptive family, is that they are able and willing to provide a loving, nurturing environment for a child, and be the subjects of an approved home study.

Open vs. Closed: The issue of open versus closed adoptions requires some understanding of the vast spectrum of possibilities in this area. Beacon House does not promote either totally open or totally closed adoptions. Instead, we provide extensive counseling with the parties to the adoptive process to determine their expectations. Throughout the process, various options are discussed and considered to assure that **no** person involved in a particular adoption feels compelled to enter into an arrangement that makes them uncomfortable. It is, however, our policy that confidential information not be exchanged at any time during the process. Those individuals for whom totally open adoption is a choice may enter into any arrangement they wish at the conclusion of the adoption process.

****In all types of adoptions through Beacon House the files are sealed. However, in a closed adoption, the files are typically never made available to the adopted child.*

Interstate Placements: Beacon House is very experienced in working with interstate placements. Any time a child is moved across state lines for adoption, approval must be obtained from the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, an office in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the US Virgin Islands. Beacon House is well acquainted with the requirements of the I.C.P.C. and assures that necessary documents are collected prior to birth of the child. This way, there is a smooth transition of the child from the birth mother, to the agency, to the adoptive parents. Beacon House does not place children in the state of New York.

Execution of Consents/ Surrenders: The consent that allows Beacon House to place a child with approved adoptive parents is called different things in different states. Regardless of the terminology, it is the timing of the consent/surrender and its revocability that are important. States may have differing procedures and time frames, so the timing and revocability depends on several factors including where the child is born and where the biological parents reside. Adoptive parents will be apprised of the appropriate information when considering a match with a birth mother.

Interim Care: In general, a birth mother and infant are discharged from the hospital on the second day after birth. Beacon House utilizes temporary private care from hospital discharge until consent/surrender, at which time adoptive parents are welcome to take physical custody of the infant. If the placement requires Interstate Compact approval, there may be a period of time when the new family needs to remain in the state where the child was born until ICPC approval can be obtained; usually not a long wait.

Beacon House understands that there are a number of agencies that encourage prospective adoptive parents to be present at the delivery of the child. Here at Beacon House we believe that we have obligations to all parties of the adoption triad in equal measure, and based on many years of experience, we have found that it is more usual for a birth mother to need some time in the hospital to obtain closure for her adoption plan. The presence of adoptive parents can disturb a delicate balance of emotions, so this method is not part of our program.

Bonding: Bonding is a process that can begin at any time after a child is united with parent(s), and continues throughout the years of the relationship. Early bonding is important, and can begin as soon as the child is placed in the physical custody of the adopting parents. In Interstate placements, the waiting period for ICPC approval provides the adopting parents with personal, special time with the newborn to begin this process.

Waiting Time: The time frame from application completion, to match, is generally 3-18 months. Naturally, this time can be extended by the requirements of the adoptive family, or the needs of the birth mother. The more flexible you are and the more reasonable your budget, the more likely you are to be placed earlier. This means that you can expect to be matched quickly with a birth mother.

Birth Mother location: Perhaps the single most difficult thing about adopting domestically today is the location of a birth mother who is considering adoption. With the easy availability of birth control and now the “morning after pill”, which can be obtained at local health clinics, the search for a birth mother who is considering adoption is taking longer and is more expensive than ever. It is more important than ever that agencies reach potential birth mothers on a large scale through advertising efforts in many geographic areas.

Beacon House has an aggressive marketing strategy that directly targets birth mothers in a number of areas that have continued to be successful; the agency funds the outreach to birth mothers through classified advertisements, television and radio ads, outdoor advertising (billboards), Yellow Page ads in 14-15 states, and internet presence.

Beacon House works with birth mothers in all states, but many choose to relocate to Louisiana, Mississippi, or Florida and are therefore subject to the laws of the state where they relocate. In these states, birth mothers may receive residential assistance, medical, legal, and travel expenses.



BEACON HOUSE DOMESTIC PROGRAM:

Being informed of what to expect during the adoption process is very important. *The following steps will give an overview of the process Beacon House follows.*

Step 1: Initial Information

A family acquires information from agencies they are considering and makes a decision on what will work best for them. Different agencies have various means of receiving information – most will want your name, address and email address.

Step 2: Submit an Inquiry Form

On Beacon House Adoption's website you will receive free information by selecting the "inquiry" tab - then complete our "Inquiry form". When you click the submit button, two things will happen:

- You will be taken to a page on our site that presents Free Informational Packets for the program that interests you.

Step 3: Webinar

Several live adoption webinars are available. Please see our current event calendar for scheduling information. Webinars include "Everything You Need to Know About Domestic Adoption", and "The Adoption Home Study". You can register for these free, live, fully interactive webinars with your case manager or via email with Denise@beaconhouseadoption.com.

Step 4: Application

Once you have decided that Beacon House presents the program for you, it is necessary to submit an application for adoption services. This can be done by completing the application at the end of our informational packet. The application can be submitted via email or regular mail. The application fee can be paid via PayPal or mailed in the form of a check or money order to Beacon House Adoption Services, 5917 Jones Creek Road, Suite 100B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70817.

Step 5: Contract

Once your application and fee are received by Beacon House –the application is reviewed for any potential issues and approved. Once approved, our agency is accepting you as a client and we will send via email a sample of our contract for Adoption Services, Home study Services, or both. You will have the opportunity to review the sample to ensure all your questions will be answered. Once you are ready to proceed, you may notify Beacon House in Baton Rouge and a personalized contract will be sent to you.

This contract is an offer to provide services to you, and the offer will remain in effect for 15 days from the date sent. After 15 days the offer expires. It is important that you have the contract signed and notarized and returned to Beacon House within that time frame.

Step 6: Adoption Finance Coach

Contact your BHAS representative to connect you with an Adoption Finance Coach to help you create a plan.

Adoption financial planning is becoming more critical for families as revenue sources become more limited and costs are rising. Families need to prepare for the costs associated with adopting, and Beacon House would like to help you do that. Beacon House is the ONLY Full Service agency offering its clients FREE ACCESS to an experienced financial planner and her system. The Adoption Finance Coaching System can help you to create a comprehensive financial plan customized just for you. Twelve on-demand webinars, personalized coaching, templates and more will guide you to help you decide your best path for raising the money you need. You will have access to this system as soon as you are contracted with Beacon House.

Step 7: Home Study

Family will begin their home study either with Beacon House in Louisiana, Mississippi or Florida. If family resides in another state, Beacon House will assist the family in identifying a home study agency near them.

Step 8: Pre Adoption Education

Adoption requires certain educational, cultural, developmental and medical awareness in order to best prepare for the arrival of your child. Proper preparation is essential to the success of the placement and we believe it is vital for adoptive parents to develop an understanding of the complex issues of adoption.

Prior to the adoption, Domestic Adoptive Families are required to complete 15 hours of child care training to help you prepare for your new baby. Families may take courses in Infant and Child CPR, baby care, parenting an adopted child, Transracial adoption, and more.

At Beacon House, we offer FREE Parent in Progress (PIP) classes/webinars designed specifically, for our adoptive families. These webinars have recently been updated and are offered exclusively to our families most months throughout the year.

Step 9: Profile

The domestic staff will assist the family in making a profile to be presented to potential birth mothers for consideration. Beacon House asks that the family submits several copies of the profile to the Baton Rouge office to retain.

Step 10: Birth Mother Match

Generally within 3-18 months from the time that you complete the application process, Beacon House will locate a Birth Mother that matches your criteria. In accordance with our NO WAITING LIST policy, all families eligible for this placement will be contacted. Available social and medical history will be provided verbally, along with a good faith estimate of the costs involved in the placement.

It is an important decision whether or not to be presented to any particular birth mother for selection. Once you have made this decision, and are chosen by a Birth Mother, you are expected to proceed with placement. In most cases, this decision will have to be made quickly; once provided with the background information on the situation and estimated costs, there will be limited time for reflection.

***** Please Note: Based on the information you provide, you will be contacted about every birth mother that meets your requirements. One of those requirements will be the adoption budget you list on the application. This means, that with our process, you are considered for situations as soon as we receive your completed contract! There is NO WAITING LIST! Contracts are considered complete upon receipt of executed document and contract fee.***

Step 11: Post Match

Once matched with a birth mother, Beacon House offers regularly scheduled classes for Parents in Progress. You will be checking our online calendar for these classes at convenient times for you. In addition, regular updates on the birth mother will be provided by the domestic staff.

Adoptive parents will be provided with a written estimate of costs and expenses for the placement, along with a payment schedule. They will need to work with our domestic staff to complete documentation required to make the placement during the next few months.

Step 12: Process at and after Delivery

Adoptive parents will be updated on the status of the birth mother and the baby after delivery. Depending on the state where the birth took place, the birth mother will execute her adoption consent at the appropriate legal time; the agency will make all the arrangements. After the consent is complete, adoptive parents will be able to accept the placement and take physical custody of the child.

In the event that the adoptive family lives in a different state than where the child was born, Interstate Compact must be addressed and the family will need to remain in the state of residence of the child/birthmother until approved to return home.

In most cases, unless discussed with the adoptive family first, finalization arrangements will be made by Beacon House via the attorneys available to the agency.

Step 13: Post Adoption

Once you have taken placement, a Social Worker, usually the same one who completed your adoption homestudy, will come out to your home to check on your new family. This post-placement visit is 21 days after you accept placement, or return home to your state of residence with your baby. The Social Worker will check to see how you and the baby are doing together; how the new baby is adjusting to their new family; your schedules, and to offer support to you and your family during this adjustment period.

After your initial post placement visit, there will be others until the finalization of the adoption as required by the agency and/or state. Beacon House will provide you with a post placement schedule, and will let you know when the court date for finalization has been received. After the finalization is complete, Beacon House will have the Birth Certificate sent to the Adoptive Families home directly from Vital Records.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Beacon House provides additional adoption related services outside of placement programs. Home studies, post placement services and educational training are available separately from placement programs.

SUMMARY: SO WHY ADOPT FROM BEACON HOUSE?

Beacon House has an excellent record of placements of newborns. Since 1989, we have served several thousand families and birth mothers and maintain a high success rate. Birth mothers are provided with extensive in-house counseling by our staff, as well as independent counseling with licensed social workers. This communication with the agency is part of the reason for our success.

Beacon House aggressively markets our services to birth mothers; in addition, many of our past birth mothers refer others to us – they would not think of working with anyone else! Our experienced staff knows just how to respond to the needs, emotional as well as physical of a birth mother.

Beacon House Adoption Services, Inc. is committed to providing the highest quality professional adoption services to our clients. We respect the rights of all parties to the adoption process and attempt to provide an adoption experience that will leave all parties satisfied and with a positive view of adoption. Adoption is more than just taking on a child. It is taking on a series of issues that involve other people and their feelings and this agency is well aware of the emotional environment of adoption. We believe our agency provides compassionate, straightforward service to all members of the adoption process.

BEACON HOUSE ADOPTION SERVICES, INC.
COSTS AND FEES: DOMESTIC PROGRAMS

The following is a list of the fees charged by Beacon House Adoption Services, Inc. for professional services:

APPLICATION FEES:

All Programs

I. Preliminary Application Fee \$ 300.00

PLACEMENT FEES:

Domestic Agency Fee \$16,500.00

Includes \$2,500.00 contract fee paid with contract signing

HOMESTUDY AND POST PLACEMENT FEES

I. Home Study \$ 2,000.00

Discount of \$300.00 if applicants proceed with adoption via Beacon House Adoption Services, Inc.

II. Home Study Update \$ 1,000.00

III. Post Placement \$ 350.00

* All placement fees are as per contract and exclusive of birth mother related costs and expenses including medical care, residential expense, legal fees, independent counseling, foster care, travel, or supervision expense. Good faith estimate provided prior to commitment.

PLEASE NOTE: THE TOTAL COST OF ANY DOMESTIC ADOPTION DEPENDS IN LARGE PART ON THE INDIVIDUAL SITUATION OF THE BIRTH MOTHER AND THE ADOPTIVE PARENTS. **PLACEMENT FEES** ARE ONLY THOSE FEES PAID TO THE AGENCY FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED FROM FIRST CONTACT WITH ADOPTIVE PARENTS THROUGH FINALIZATION OF THE ADOPTION.

GOOD FAITH ESTIMATE OF COSTS AND EXPENSES

The following is a SAMPLE of a good faith estimate of costs and expenses for a domestic adoption. Each adoption is individual, and there will be many variable expenses, but we have provided what we believe to be an average.

MEDICAL

Possible medical for baby \$ 600.00

RESIDENTIAL EXPENSES

Rent, phone, utilities \$ 875.00 **per month for each month**

Apartment deposit (1 month rent) \$ 700.00

Maternity Clothing \$ 300.00

Grocery allowance \$ 600.00 **per month**

Household Set up \$1,000.00

(this includes everything necessary, including linens, kitchen items, small appliances, but not furniture)

Post Delivery allowance \$3,000.00

Transportation, travel and temporary Lodging \$1,400.00

PROFESSIONAL FEES

Agency placement fee \$16,500.00 – includes contract fee

Adoptive Family Attorney and costs \$ 1,200.00 – Louisiana only

Birth parent legal fees \$ 800.00

Independent counseling \$ 250.00

Case Management fee – 24/7 \$ 400.00 **per month**

Social Service and Accounting fees \$ 450.00

SPECIAL EXPENSES \$ Varies

Applicable only if birth mother resides more than 20 miles from Baton Rouge. Our staff will have to travel to and from the birth mother's locale. This will be provided on a case by case basis and will include gas expenses and mileage.

MISCELLANEOUS/FEDERAL EXPRESS

\$ 1,000.00

Projected Total \$29,075.00

This estimate is based on 1 month projected expenses. Each additional month the birth mother is in the agency program would add one month of living expenses for her plus one month of case management fees, which is generally about \$2,000.00 per month. Therefore, for a birth mother who is in the program for 3 months, the estimate would be \$33,075.00. This is a good faith estimate only, and subject to change based on the birth mother's situation.

BEACON HOUSE RAISES THE BAR WHEN IT COMES TO PERSONALIZED SERVICE

Adoption financial planning is becoming more critical for families as revenue sources become more limited and costs are rising. Families need to prepare for the costs associated with adopting.

Beacon House is the *first*, full-service agency offering the **Adoption Finance Coaching System**
A proven, ground-breaking system helping our families with alternative ways to finance their dreams!

Benefits Include:

- 12 On-Demand Webinar
Topics Include: How to Plan Your Special Event; How to Write a Grant for Your Adoption; Your Adoption Budget and Beyond; How to Tell Your Inspiring Story and much, much more...
- Invaluable Resources
There is no one-size-fits-all adoption. That's why we help you to create a comprehensive financial plan *customized* just for you. Templates to assist with creating an adoption budget, your adoption action plan, event planning and much, much more...
- On-line Gift Registry Service – GotchaGiftRegistry.com
A personalized gift registry package that allows adoptive parents to share their journey with family and friends and invite them to contribute in meaningful ways to the high costs of adoption. Simply, it's a gift registry with a purpose!
- Personalized coaching to help you create a comprehensive plan that will guide you to help you decide your best path for raising the money you need!

“We were lucky to be connected to the Adoption Finance and Coaching System. We started the adoption process thinking that our only options were personal loans and a meager savings. Our Coach helped us to tell our adoption story to our community. The response was amazing! Not only did we raise a significant amount of money towards our adoption, we were also able to feel support from our community as well as get our friends and family excited about our adoption plans.”

--Amie and Ryan Francois

Want to Know More?

A short video and more testimonials are available at www.beaconhouseadoption.com under the “financial Solutions” tab.

LET US HELP YOU MAKE YOUR DREAMS A REALITY!



THE COST OF ADOPTION

There is no doubt about it – adoption can be an expensive endeavor, and families often wonder how they can afford it. The good news is that there is help out there – in places you may have considered and those you may not! What follows is a suggested list of financial sources for you to consider and try. It is by no means exclusive – use your creativity!

BHAS Fee Structure:

BHAS has structured its fees/costs/expenses for both domestic and international adoption so that families are paying a portion of the fees and expenses throughout their adoption process. This enables families to save or perhaps fundraise along the way. Domestic fees and expenses are paid monthly after a match with a birth mother.

For a small fee, families can use their credit cards via Paypal for some fees, which also frees up cash for future payments that cannot be paid by credit card.

Adoption Finance Coach / Adoption Gift Registry (Beacon House clients)

The Adoption Finance Coaching System can help you to create a comprehensive financial plan *customized* just for you. Twelve on-demand webinars, personalized coaching, templates and more will guide you to help you decide your best path for raising the money you need. Please visit our website www.beaconhouseadoption.com or www.youradoptionfinancecoach.com for more information.

Adoption Tax Credit

For adoptions finalized in 2014, there is a federal adoption tax credit of up to \$13,190 per child. While the 2014 adoption tax credit is not a refundable credit, taxpayers are able to get the credit refunded if they have federal income tax liability up to that amount.

<http://www.nacac.org/taxcredit/taxcredit2014.html>

Currently, fourteen states offer some type of tax credit or deduction for adoption. They are AZ, CA, ID, IA, KS, MD, MA, MI, NM, ND, OK, UT, WV, and WI. Please consult your tax advisor for more details and for updated information about credits which might be available in your state.

Employee Benefits

An adoption benefits plan is a company-sponsored program that financially helps or reimburses employees for expenses related to the adoption of a child and/or provides for paid or unpaid leave for the adoptive parent employee. Many employers are providing adoption assistance in the form of grants, reimbursement or other benefits. Other benefits may include paid and unpaid leave and counseling and support before and after adoption. If your employer does not offer a plan, ask! You may be able to show your employer the many benefits of offering assistance to families and children: minimal cost since few workers actually utilize the benefits; giving back to the community; social benefit since children and families are the beneficiaries of the company's support of adoption; keeping pace with other company trends; potential tax advantage if the benefits are directly deducted from payroll; and finally, the encouragement of loyalty from employees who have received the benefit. For ideas on how to approach your employer, see http://www.adoptivefamilies.com/printable/employment_benefits.html

Military Program

This program allows reimbursement, up to \$2,000.00 per child, for active-duty personnel. There are some restrictions on these funds, such as certain expenses that are not covered, and the requirement that a non-profit agency be used for the adoption. For information, see www.nmfa.org.

Loans/Grants

Below you will find a list of some of the financial resources dedicated to adoption and forever families. This list is ever-changing, as new and different resources become available to families, so check back from time to time or just Google Adoption Financing!

Credit unions do not typically have some of the issues that banks do, and may be a source for a loan more easily than a bank in the current economy.

Some families have borrowed from their own 401K account and repaid the principle and interest to themselves. Call your parents, brothers and sisters. They may have a little extra cash lying around to help you. BH has families that have lobbied their families for support, and were surprised at the help they were able to receive! You can pay them back as you are more able later on.

- **Resources4Adoption.com**
Resources4Adoption.com has the most up to date information on financial resources for adoptive families, including: grants loans, fundraisers, employment benefits, and more.
- **HelpUSAadopt.org**
is a national non-profit financial assistance grant program that will provide qualified couples and individuals (regardless of race, religion, marital status or sexual preference) with grants of up to \$15,000 towards their adoption expenses... Their application is available online at <http://www.helpusadopt.org/index.html>
- **Abba Fund**
Provides interest-free covenant loans to Christian couples who are called by God to expand their families through adoption and who need help with the "cash flow crunch"
<http://www.abbafund.org/>
- **America's Christian Credit Union**
Because many financial institutions do not understand the unique situation surrounding the adoption process, ACCU offers adoption loans as part of a continuing effort to "reach, serve and teach." <http://www.americaschristiancu.com/home/loa/adopt>
- **Caroline's Promise- North and South Carolina Resident Grants**
Provides \$3,000 grants to Christian couples living in North or South Carolina who are adopting domestically or internationally. <http://carolinespromise.net/adoptive-family-assistance/>
- **Gift of Adoption Fund**
is a national charitable organization that inspires adoption by providing grants to qualified parents. Applicants must have an approved home study, demonstrate financial need, and preference will be given to applicants who are experiencing extraordinary hardship. Grants are awarded regardless of marital status, race, creed, or national origin. Grant amounts vary between \$2,000-\$5,000 and applicants may apply for a grant up to 3times.
<http://www.giftofadoption.org>

- **Lifesong for Orphans**
Combines adoption matching grants, loans, and fundraising to provide assistance for Christian families adopting domestically and internationally.
<http://www.lifesongfororphans.org/adGrantLoans.html>
- **National Adoption Foundation**
(<http://www.nafadopt.org>) is the country's only national nonprofit organization dedicated to providing financial support, information, and services for adoptive and prospective adoptive families. NAF has a number of programs that can help to fund your adoption. Click on their How We Can Help link for more information.
- **The Hebrew Free Loan Association**
provides interest free loans to Jewish adults wanting to adopt internationally or domestically. A single person, or couple, after demonstrating additional need, may borrow up to \$10,000 toward the expenses incurred for the adoption of a child. See <http://www.hflasf.org> for details.

APPLICATION TO ADOPT

PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

Prospective Mother's Name (last, first)	DOB	Place of Birth (city and state)		
Prospective Father's Name (last, first)	DOB	Place of Birth (city and state)		
Home Address (#, Street, apt.#)	Town/City	County	State	Zip
Home Telephone Number	Cell Phone Number (Wife)	Cell Phone Number (Husband)		
SSN:	SSN:			
Employer: (Wife) Name: Address: Position:	Employment Telephone # Annual Income:			
Employer: (Husband) Name: Address: Position:	Employment Telephone # Annual Income:			
Amount in Savings: \$	Amount in Savings: \$			
Religion Code [taken from below]	Ethnic Code [taken from below]			
Email address: (Wife)	Email address: (Husband)			

PREVIOUS HOME STUDY EXPERIENCE

<p>Currently have a home study _____ Yes _____ No</p> <p>If Yes: Name/address and phone number of agency who completed/is completing the home study:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Have you ever been denied approval for a home study? _____ YES _____ NO</p> <p>Have you ever been rejected as a foster or adoptive parent? _____ YES _____ NO</p>
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If "YES", please explain {names, dates, reasons}

CHILD CHARACTERISTICS

NOTE: Select ALL acceptable characteristics. You may choose more than one entry in each area.

Ethnicity (for child): _____ (X= All)

ETHNICITY CODES (For Parent(s) and Child)		RELIGION CODES (For Parents Only)	
A Interracial Black/White Indian	I American	C Catholic	X Other
B Black	O Asian	J Jewish	Z None
F Interracial Hispanic/White	P Puerto Rico	P Protestant	
G Interracial Hispanic/Black	W White		
H Other Hispanic			

MARRIAGE

Current Marriage: City _____ State _____
Date _____

Previous Marriage:

Prospective Mother:	Date	City	State	How Terminated	Date Terminated
Prospective Father:	Date	City	State	How Terminated	Date Terminated

LIST ALL ADULT HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

NAME	AGE	SEX	RELIGION	RACE	RELATION
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					

LIST ALL DESCENDANTS- LIVING IN HOUSEHOLD OR NOT

NAME	AGE	RELATION	LIVING IN HOME YES or NO	CUSTODIAL PARENT
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

LIST FIVE REFERENCES

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE #
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

REQUIRED QUESTIONS

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED FOR AN APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE.

1. Does either applicant have any history of substance abuse as indicated by counseling, treatment, arrest or conviction?

2. Is there a history of mental illness or treatment for mental illness at any time in the past?

3. Is either applicant taking any medication? If so, please name the medication and state the reason it was prescribed.

4. Has either applicant completed any pre-adoptive educational training at this time? If so, please state how many hours and where the training was completed.

5. Have you attended any informational seminars on DOMESTIC adoption? Where?

ADOPTION BUDGET

An adoption budget is an essential piece of information necessary to be able to match a birth mother with adoptive parents. Keep in mind when setting your budget that all funds are paid to the Beacon House escrow account over a period of months while your birth mother is in the program, and that the more flexibility you have in your budget, the more birth mother situations will be open to you.

\$32,000 - \$34,000 \$34,000 - \$36,000 \$36,000 - \$38,000 \$38,000 - \$40,000

\$40,000 +

By signing the application, I /we authorize BHAS to obtain information about me/us from any and all resources listed above and from all adoptions agencies or home study agencies that are now providing or have provided services to me/us in the past. I/we agree that BHAS is authorized to maintain and display my/out information on BHAS premises and to provide and share confidential information as it related to my adoption process with my/our home study agency.

I/we understand that the laws and regulations of the various states where BHAS is licensed will be upheld and followed at all times by BHAS.

The information contained in this application is true to the best of my/our knowledge, information and belief. I understand that in the event that I/we have misrepresented any information to BHAS, it will be within BHAS discretion to terminate our adoption process immediately.

Signature

Signature

Please return this form along with:

- 1. One photograph of the adoptive parent(s)
- 2. Non-refundable check or money order in the amount of \$300.00

TO:

BHAS
5917 Jones Creek Rd
Ste 100B
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Applications not accompanied by the fee will not be returned, nor will they be processed.