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## NEVADA ADOPTION HOME STUDY INFORMATION

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Completing a study of your home is the first step in your adoption journey. A Child's Dream is licensed by the State of Nevada to complete adoption home studies. Your home study is a document that is compiled by A Child's Dream adoption Social Worker using the information you have provided about your lives and your home. All adoptive parents must have an approved home study in order to adopt a child. This process applies to both International and Domestic (adoption of a child in the U.S.) adoptions. Once your home study is completed, it is submitted to the Nevada Agency Director for approval, and when approved, you may begin the process of being matched with birth parents.

In preparation for your home study you will have to gather documents required by the Nevada Adoption Statute for approval. Some of the information requires specific forms which will be provided by the agency after you have signed an agency application and a home study contract. In addition to these documents, home visits including a home inspection and face to face interviews with the A Child's Dream adoption social worker are required. The following list is the information needed to complete your home study. Other documents and information may be required depending on your specific situation.

- A Child's Dream Application (*very first step, downloaded from the ACD website*)
- Autobiography (*by all adults living in the home*)
- Completed A Child's Dream Adoptive Parent Application
- Copy of Tax Returns (*1<sup>st</sup> two pages of the previous 3 consecutive years*)
- Current Medical Exams and Labs (*including HIV/HEP panels*)
- Divorce Decree(s) (*if applicable*)
- Driver's License(s)
- Employment Verification (*for the adoptive couple*)
- Family Member's Birth Certificates (*members living in the home only*)
- Financial Disclosure Statement
- Fingerprints and FBI Background Check Clearances
- Floor Plan and Layout of the Home
- Local Law Enforcement Background Check Clearances (*SCOPE*)
- Marriage Certificate
- Military Discharge Papers (*if applicable*)
- Name/Address/Phone for All Therapists/Counselors
- Native American Enrollment Card (*if applicable*)
- Nevada DMV Driving Record
- Passport(s) (*if available*)
- Signed Release of Information Form
- Social Security Card(s)
- Veterinarian Records for All Pets
- (5) Personal References (*for all adults living in the home*)

The adoption social worker will guide you through the home study process, and it is a cooperative effort between you and the adoption worker. A Child's Dream is committed to completing your home study at the earliest possible date providing you submit all necessary documents in a timely manner. Completion of your home study is not a guarantee of approval. The final approval is issued by the agency director. If you have any arrests in your past, your home study must also be submitted to the State of Nevada for approval.

It takes approximately 30-60 days to complete your home study. This is only an estimated time frame. There could be delays one of which may be the fingerprint clearance processing time.

The fee for a *domestic home study* with A Child's Dream is \$2000 (\$1500 home study fee and \$500 application fee).

The fee for an *international home study* with A Child's Dream is \$2500 (\$2000 home study fee and \$500 application fee).

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If you have home study questions, or would like to complete your Nevada Adoption Home Study with A Child's Dream, please call 702-399-3274.

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