

Adoption Checklist

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- ☐ Meeting Adoption Requirements
 - ☐ You must be over 19 years of age.
 - ☐ If married, marriage must be of at least 3 years duration.
 - ☐ You must have adequate housing & personal space for the child or children adopted.
 - ☐ You must be healthy enough to meet a child's needs.
 - ☐ You must be willing to undergo a thorough background check.
- ☐ Preparation for Child Adoption
 - ☐ Determine what type of adoption is right for you.
 - ☐ Attend programs specifically designed to educate potential adoptive and foster parent families.
 - ☐ Join local and internet adoptive parent support groups.
 - ☐ Check an adoption professional or agency out with the licensing authority in its home state.
 - ☐ Consider hiring or consulting an experienced and reputable adoption attorney.
 - ☐ Be cautious if you are offered a referral before you have a completed and approved homestudy.
 - ☐ Find a child available for adoption.
 - ☐ Get approved as an adoptive resource or obtain consent to adoption.
 - ☐ Obtain adoption petitions.
 - ☐ Meet the children in pre-placement visits.
 - ☐ Upon the signing of a placement agreement, child will be placed in your home.
- ☐ Parenting After Adoption
 - ☐ Exchange information with other adoptive parents.
 - ☐ Participate in the support groups.