



Dear Prospective Adoptive Family,

We are happy to hear of your interest in and desire to adopt a child through our Infant Outbound Adoption Program. We are a private, non-profit 501(c)3, child placing agency Licensed in the states of Arizona, Nevada and Utah. We are also Hague accredited through the Council on Accreditation to provide incoming and outgoing inter-country adoptions.

Our professional staff has over 200 years of combined adoption experience and has Joined together because we LOVE what we do! Over the years, we have helped many Prospective adopting parents complete their families through the miracle of adoption and are Dedicated to ensuring that you receive your child in an efficient and caring manner. We have a Strong infant domestic program and are currently accepting applications from approved adoptive Applicants who wish to be placed with a newborn born in the United States.

We are attaching information about our program which will explain the adoption services That we provide and answer many of your questions. When you are ready to begin your adoption Journey, please contact us via email **adopt@premieradoption.org** or call us at **435-625-0241** And we will send you your login information to begin the application process.

Premier Adoption's state of the art adoption management software provides adoptive Families with access to a secure online account to process paperwork. This provides 24/7 access To view the status of your adoption and easy-to-use steps to complete documents.

We look forward to working with you and helping you to complete your family.

Sincerely,

Catharine Murray

Catharine Murray, LCSW
Executive Director

Frequently Asked Questions – Outbound Adoption

Q. Who can adopt?

A. Married couples and individuals over the age of 18 years and who are at least 10 years older than the child to be adopted who meet State adoption requirements.

Q. What children are available?

A. Children available through our outbound program are primarily newborns. Occasionally, we place older children ranging in age from 0-5 years of age. However, most placements are infant placements. Our birth parent outreach brings in a representative cross section of all race and socio-economic demographics.

Q. How long does it take to receive a child?

A. Families entering our program cannot be guaranteed that a child will be placed in their home within a specific time frame. Your profile could be chosen the first time it is shown to a birth parent or after many times. We have also found no rule that universally applies to what attributes birth parents are looking for in the family that will adopt their child (i.e.: age, number of children, ethnicity, external appearances, socio-economic standing, religion, etc.). You will be selected by a birthmother who feels good about her child being raised in your family. Due to Premier Adoption Agency's commitment to counseling our birthparents on all their options and respecting freedom of choice, no placement is ever guaranteed with a birthparent matched with a family even if living expenses have been paid on a birthparents behalf. We will never pressure a birthmother to place her child if she no longer feels adoption is the best decision for her and her baby.

Q. How does the process work?

A. At the time you submit your application paperwork, the initial application fee of \$450 is due. We then assist you in conducting your home study, or if your home study is already completed, we will review it to ensure it meets our requirements. Once your home study is approved the first half of the Hague fee (\$3,450) is due. After you have completed the Adoptive Parent's Preference Form outlining all of your preferences, we will help you prepare your family profile book which is given to eligible birth parents when they are ready to select adopting parents for their baby (also refer to Profile Book Guidelines). When your family is selected, we will contact you or your representative in your country, and give you all of the information we have available to help you make a well-informed decision. You decide if you would like to proceed with a given situation. You will be provided with social and medical histories, medical records if available, possible risks and total projected expenses. Communication cannot begin until both parties agree to the adoption, as per Hague regulations. If you decide to proceed with the situation, this is considered an "accepted referral" and the file activation fee (\$2,000) is due in addition to reimbursing the agency for prior expenses for the birth parents, as well as all projected expense money to support the birth mother. Once a birthmother and adoptive family referral is made, we continue to facilitate communication needs and requests (if applicable) while waiting for the baby to be born. A birth plan is put in place outlining the birthmother's requests at the delivery and the duration of her stay at the hospital. Four (4) weeks prior to your birthmother's due date, the agency fee and second half of the Hague fee need to be wired to our account. The funds need to be sent via secured funds to an escrow until the birthmother signs her relinquishment/consent paperwork. Once the birthmother signs her relinquishment/consent paperwork after birth, the

funds will be processed. Placement documents between you and the agency are signed outlining the physical and shared legal responsibilities for the baby until the adoption is legally finalized.

Q. What is a “Profile Book”?

A. A Profile Book is the book, prepared by you, that will be presented to the birthparents to assist them in selecting a home for their baby. Here are some guidelines to follow:

- Prepare 5 booklets no larger than the standard **8½” x 11”** format. Keep one copy for your own reference, as we cannot guarantee that we will be able to return any booklets to you.
- Be creative. It’s a book that represents who you are and your family life. Include lots of photos of yourself, your spouse, your home, your other children, pets, etc.
- Write a letter describing yourself and your family and why you want to adopt a child.
- Refer to Profile Book Guidelines.

Q. What happens if we change our mind after the referral?

A. If a referral is accepted and you later wish to withdraw you may do so. The \$2,000 file activation fee and any financial support for a birthparent is forfeited.

Q. What happens if the birthmother changes her mind after a match?

A. If the referral fails then the family is again placed back in the pool of adopting applicants. The \$2,000 file activation fee and any birth parent financial support paid to date is lost. All birth parent expense money not expended is returned. When a family gets matched with another birthmother, the matching fee is repaid. This process repeats until placement. The family can withdraw their profile at any time. A family is eligible to remain on the Agency’s waiting family list as long as they have an active home study. This home study must be updated annually in order to keep their application with Agency active. A family is removed from the waiting family list if they don’t have an active home study and/or if the family has been referred with a child, either through this agency or through a different source. Since most birthmother expenses are considered to be donations, you may wish to consult with your tax professional regarding the deductibility of these expenses.

Q. What happens after the baby is born?

A. After birth, it is mandatory that the birthmother wait a legally designated amount of time prior to signing relinquishment of parental rights (72 hours after birth in Nevada and Arizona and 24 hours after birth in Utah). What happens between the time of delivery of the baby to signing relinquishments is dictated by the birthparents birth plan. Plan on residing in the US for at least 6 weeks. It can be longer, but one parent must reside until all the paperwork is complete. Finalization of the adoption varies depending on your state of residence but usually consists of hiring an attorney to file your adoption petition, terminating parental rights if a birth father has not consented to the adoption, completing post-placement supervisory visits according to the laws of the state in which you will finalize your adoption and submission of other paperwork as required by local courts.

Q. What are the adoption fees? – Also see Page 5

A. Our agency fee is \$17,500. Birthmother expenses vary. In addition, families are required to pay for their pre-placement home study evaluation, application fee of \$450, file activation fee of \$2000, Hague fee of \$6,900, post-placement supervisory visits, legal expenses and travel expenses (if applicable).

Q. What are post placement reports?

A. Post placement reports chronicle the visits in report form made by a social worker between the time of placement and prior to finalization in accordance with the laws of the state in which you are finalizing your adoption. These visits determine how you and your child are adjusting. The number of visits required varies in each state. If you are completing your adoption in the State of Nevada you will need six monthly post placement visits before being able to finalize. In the State of Utah one is required to finalize.

If you need help or have any questions, please call us for assistance and suggestions.

A final thought: Adoption is a beautiful journey. Just like anything new, there are many new things to learn. You may want to keep this information handy in order to refer to it from time to time during the process.

ITEMIZED FEES FOR US OUTBOUND ADOPTION PROGRAM

(All Amounts are in US Dollars)

Fees Paid to the Agency

Agency Application Fee:	\$450
File Activation Fee:	\$2000
Agency Adoption Fee	\$17,500
Hague Services Fee	\$6900

Birthparent Expenses

(If applicable, fees vary by case and the amounts shown here are estimates only)

Sub Total **\$26,850-\$36,850**

Third Party Fees *Provided for your convenience only. We are not responsible for these fees changing without notice.*

Hague Adoption Education (If not completed as part of your home study evaluation)	\$149.00
US Passport for Adopted Child	\$80.00
Expedited Passport Fee	\$60.00
Passport Expeditor Service	\$100-\$300
Authentications/Apostilling of Documents	\$300-\$500
Entry Visa for Child (varies by country)	Check with your Central Authority
FedEX Mailings (estimated. FedEx charges appear in your FedEx online account.)	\$420-\$550
Attorney Fees (varies according to the requirements of your case)	\$2000-\$5000

*Travel and Accommodations

(Travel and accommodation expenses are the responsibility of the adopting family. Please be advised that your stay in the United States can be **2 months or more** depending on the requirements of your case. You should plan accordingly.)

*Itemized Total for US Outbound Adoption **EXCLUDING** Travel and Accommodations

\$29,959-\$43,489



Adoptive Family Questionnaire

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

How did you hear about our agency? _____

1. Do you have a completed homestudy and approval letter? YES NO

2. Do you have a picture profile complete? YES NO

3. Are you gender specific? YES NO
If yes, please specify: _____

4. Are you specific about ethnicity of the child? YES NO
If yes, please specify: _____

5. Are you open to alcohol exposure? YES NO
Please explain: _____

6. Are you open to drug exposure? YES NO
Please explain: _____

7. Are you open to a situation that has a family history of mental illness? YES NO
Please explain: _____

8. After placement are you open to communicating with the birth family via: (please mark all that apply)
Mailed Pictures and Letters Through Agency Phone Calls Email
Social Media Unsupervised Visits

9. Are you open to paying for birthmother living expenses? YES NO
If yes, please specify the maximum you are open to: _____

10. How long are you willing to wait for placement? _____

Please provide any additional information that will help us understand your preferences for this adoption. _____

Please send completed questionnaire to: adopt@premieradoption.org