

Adoption Information Services, Inc. NEWSLETTER

Yes! You Can Adopt
Usually in 3-12 Months

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AIS is proud to have helped place more than 2,000 newborns with loving parents.



Homestudy Primer

A few tips for the Homestudy: Remember that your attitude is everything when answering these questions.

- They will ask you about your feelings about infertility.
- The home visit occurs in your home and the caseworker will ensure that your house is a safe and secure environment for a child.

Ask yourself these questions:

- Do you have smoke detectors situated throughout your home?
- Are the cleansers up high or behind latched cabinets?
- Have you already designated a room for the baby (doesn't need to be decorated).
- If you have guns in the house, have you stored them properly?

The basic mission of the caseworker is to see how prepared a family is for parenting through adoption and to ensure that the child will be placed in a safe, secure environment.

Homestudy – You're Kidding!

We Have to Be Approved as Parents?

No, life isn't fair. I think every Jane and John Doe should have to go through the homestudy process. It would help them consider more seriously their decision to parent and less "accidents" would occur. But it's not an ideal world, so we as parents through adoption really have an advantage. We're forced to take a good look at ourselves throughout this educational and reflective process.

We are more aware of our intention to parent, why we want to do it, and what we have to offer. We also receive much education about parenting and specifically about parenting through adoption.

The "parent preparation course" can be very good for you. The job of the caseworker is not to deny you the opportunity to parent. The homestudy is done for the protection of the child. So a serious criminal record, turmoil in your marriage, or near bankrupt financial status could result in an unfavorable homestudy. It has to be something pretty serious that could potentially cause harm to a child. The philosophy of the agency you choose is important, as some have higher standards (often of a religious nature) which may cause the process to be more difficult for you.

In general, the homestudy process gives you a headstart in preparing to be a parent. Relax and learn from the process—it's worth the effort.



Notable Facts

- ✓ The homestudy is not to be feared.
- ✓ The homestudy is necessary to protect the child.
- ✓ The homestudy is an educational tool to help prepare you for your child, not an inquisition.



"We want to thank you for being our friend and advocate through a process that at times seemed endless and impossible."



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