



HOME STUDY AGREEMENT FOR DOMESTIC (U.S.) ADOPTION

This Agreement is made between the prospective adoptive parent(s) and The Datz Foundation.
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1. The Datz Foundation issues home study approvals in compliance with the requirements of the jurisdictions in which it is licensed as well as the requirements of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service. It cannot guarantee that its studies will conform to other jurisdictions or agencies. If the Foundation deems the prospective adoptive parent(s) to be unsuitable for adoption, the Foundation will inform them and provide no additional services under this Agreement. The prospective adoptive parent(s) will be charged only a pro-rata fee for the Foundation's services. The determination regarding the suitability is within the sole discretion of the Foundation. The prospective adoptive parent(s) agree(s) to hold harmless the Foundation in the event that they are not approved for the adoption of a child.
2. Standard Home Study Reports for Domestic Adoptions: The prospective adoptive parent(s), who reside in MD, DC, VA or NC, agree(s) to pay the amount of \$1,500 in advance of the home study. The fee for an expedited home study is \$2,100. In the event that the prospective adoptive parent(s) decide(s) to discontinue the home study, a refund may be issued, depending upon how many services have been rendered when the study is discontinued. The prospective adoptive parent(s) will pay for all expenses, such as travel, parking, etc. which may be incurred by the Foundation in the course of conducting the home study. The mileage from the home of the social worker to the adoptive home is billed at \$.59 per mile. If the one-way trip from the home of the social worker to the adoptive home takes more than 45 minutes, travel time is billed at \$20 per hour. The clients agree to reimburse the social worker directly. The closest social worker will be assigned to reduce costs. Some visits can occur at The Datz Foundation office or in the social worker's office.
3. This Agreement pertains to a home study investigation and in no way obligates the Foundation to provide any other services such as an adoptive placement. This Agreement does not obligate the Foundation to provide post-placement visits (If you require us to guarantee in advance that we will conduct post-placement supervision of a placement, we will require the fee to be placed in escrow. The fee is \$350 per visit.)
4. This Agreement in no way obligates the Foundation to provide counseling to birth parents, as required by the Virginia adoption law for parent-assisted placements. Any counseling services would be the object of a separate retainer agreement and fee.
5. Home Studies are valid as follows. Virginia: 36 months after finalization (unless the home study has been used for an adoption); Maryland and DC: 12 months after finalization (once a home study has been used to complete an adoption, it must be updated).
6. The police and child abuse clearances of some jurisdictions expire after three months and must be updated.
7. Clients will receive a draft of completed home study and may make corrections/revisions.
8. Two notarized copies of the home study will be provided.
9. Maryland residents: List your county of residence _____
10. Additional charges:
 - \$10: per page: Revisions of the home study after clients have approved draft and home study has been finalized
 - \$20: Any document issued by the Foundation requiring notarization
 - \$2: Each additional photocopy (not notarized)

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SIGNATURES

We, the undersigned, agree with the terms of this Agreement, and remit payment.

Vivian Datoff, Director

Parent # 1

Parent # 2

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Work Telephone: _____

Cell Phone(s): _____

E-Mail Addresses: _____