

QUESTIONS TO ASK AN ADOPTION AGENCY

GENERAL QUESTIONS

What types of adoption do you do? (Infant, open, foster care, etc.)

Is your organization licensed and/or certified? Yes No

What states do you do adoptions in?

Do you have a lawyer to work with prospective parents or can you recommend one?

Are there any restrictions as to who can adopt through your agency?

Do you provide education or classes to prospective parents?

How do you find birthmothers?

How do you present profiles to birthmothers?

How do you work with birthmothers through the adoption process?

Can you provide the contact information for some families that have gone through the process before?

STATISTICS

What is the average timeline for an adoption at your agency?

How many children did you place last year?

What is your failed connection rate?

How often do you do placements with LGBT parents, single parents, and couples with biological kids?

FEES

What will the total cost of the adoption be, and what do the fees cover?

Do you use a connection fee or just a placement fee?

When are the fees due? This is usually different with each agency, since some ask only for an application fee, while others can ask for a part of the entire fee up front.

TIMING

How soon after I apply will my homestudy begin?

When will I know whether I have been accepted into your program?

How will I be kept informed while waiting for a birthmother connection?
