



PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENT – WHAT TO DO NEXT

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EVERYONE:

- Decide about retaining Kirsh & Kirsh.
- Sign and return to Michelle (michelle@kirsh.com):
 - Fee Agreement
 - Background Info Risk Acknowledgment
 - Medical Risk Acknowledgment
 - Update Policy
 - Waiver of Attorney-Client Privilege
 - What to Expect of Birth Mothers
 - ICWA Disclosure
- Send a picture or copy of your ID card(s) to Michelle.
- Complete a Home Study with any licensed child-placing agency in your state and have them email it to Michelle. For Indiana, we recommend [Firefly Children & Family Alliance](#), [Adoptions of Indiana](#), or [Bethany Christian Services](#).
- Create a Google account to communicate with an expectant mom using only your first names and the word adoption (ie: JackandJillAdopt@gmail.com). Get a Google Voice # (www.google.com/voice) using your new Google account. Download Google Voice App on your Smart Phone. Google Voice texting supports photos being sent and received.
- Follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/KirshandKirsh/>) and Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/indianaadoption/>).

KIRSH & KIRSH DIRECTED:

- Sign & return to michelle@kirsh.com:
 - Adoption Services Agreement
 - Kirsh & Kirsh Directed Approach Acknowledgment
 - Database form
 - Conflict of Interest Statement
- Go to www.indianaadoption.com/pay or send a check to **Kirsh & Kirsh, P.C.** for \$7,750. (\$5,500 for Directed deposit + \$2,000 for initial payment + \$250 for pre-placement expenses).
- Sign up for **ParentFinder** using the link below (do NOT sign up directly at ParentFinder.com). The cost to create a profile with ParentFinder is \$590. Keep in mind that there is also a printing charge for printing your profiles of \$125 (includes 5 profile books + shipping).
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHBal9HkwRerE22WG9rR32YdwGTFueXz_QqFpaiTdvXKRwoA/viewform?c=0&w=1

OR

- Create your own profile that we can show to birth mothers once you become active. Please note that if you choose this option, you will not be featured on our website under “Waiting Families”, as our website is hosted by ParentFinder. However, we would still be able to share your profile directly with birth mothers with whom we have met. Please email Michelle if you have any questions or would like to see examples of profiles that previous adoptive parents have created.

SELF-DIRECTED:

- Begin advertising and networking. Speak with Steve Kirsh about this.
- Get permission for Steve, Joel, Rob or Grant to call any birth mother with whom you speak.