



## **WHAT TO DO NEXT**

### **PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENTS – SELF-DIRECTED**

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- Decide about retaining Kirsh & Kirsh. Once you have made your decision, email Michelle ([michelle@kirsh.com](mailto:michelle@kirsh.com)).
- Michelle will send you the following documents via DocuSign. Review them carefully and complete them at your convenience.
  - Fee Agreement
  - Post Meeting Documents
  - ICWA Disclosure
  - ID Upload
- If you have not already done so, begin the home study process with any licensed child-placing agency in your area. For Indiana, we recommend [Adoptions of Indiana](#) or [Firefly Children & Family Alliance](#). Have the agency email the final home study to Michelle. We do not need a hard copy.
- Create a Gmail account to communicate with your birth mother using only your first names and the word adoption (ie: [JackandJillAdopt@gmail.com](mailto:JackandJillAdopt@gmail.com)). Get a Google Voice # ([www.google.com/voice](http://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.
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