



WHAT TO DO NEXT

PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENTS – KIRSH & KIRSH DIRECTED

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- Decide about retaining Kirsh & Kirsh. Once you have made your decision, email Michelle (michelle@kirsh.com).
- Michelle will send you the following documents via DocuSign. Review them carefully and complete them at your convenience.
 - Fee Agreement
 - Adoption Services Agreement
 - Database form
 - Post Meeting Documents
 - ICWA Disclosure
 - Kirsh & Kirsh Directed Approach Acknowledgment
 - ID Upload
- Make the initial payment of \$7,750. (\$5,500 for Directed deposit + \$2,000 for initial payment + \$250 for pre-placement expenses). Go to www.indianaadoption.com/pay or write and mail a check to **Kirsh & Kirsh, P.C.** to make the payment. It is to your benefit to make the payment as soon as possible in order to hold your spot on our list, and even advance on the list as those who paid ahead of you become matched.
- 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.
- Review our Profile Guidelines here: <https://shorturl.at/58a4t>.
- Sign up for ParentFinder to create your profile using this link: <https://shorturl.at/zl5Q7>. **DO NOT** sign up directly at ParentFinder.com. The cost to create a profile with ParentFinder is \$735. ParentFinder will inform Michelle once your PDF profile has been finalized.

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.
- Create a Gmail account to communicate with a birth mother 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/>).

Once we have your completed paperwork, initial payment, and finalized home study and profile, Michelle will send you an email to confirm that you are active on our list. Once you are active, we may show your profile at any time. We will not notify you each time your profile is shown, but you are welcome to check in with Michelle once a month for a status update on your profile views and position on the active list.