

## 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.
  - o Fee Agreement
  - Adoption Services Agreement
  - Database form
  - o Post Meeting Documents
  - o ICWA Disclosure
  - o 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 preplacement expenses). Go to <a href="www.indianaadoption.com/pay">www.indianaadoption.com/pay</a> or write and mail a check to **Kirsh & Kirsh**, **P.C.** to make the payment.
  - o If you pay online, be sure to email <u>annie@kirsh.com</u> afterwards to let her know.
  - o It is to your benefit to make the payment as soon as possible to hold your spot on our list.
- 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 <u>Adoptions of Indiana</u> or <u>Firefly Children & Family Alliance</u>. Have the agency email the final home study to Michelle. We do not need a hard copy.
- □ Review our Profile Guidelines here: <a href="https://shorturl.at/58a4t">https://shorturl.at/58a4t</a>.
- Sign up for ParentFinder to create your profile using this link: <a href="https://shorturl.at/zl5Q7">https://shorturl.at/zl5Q7</a>. **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. You do not need to print hard copies of your profile.
  - O ParentFinder will suggest that you make a video as well, but we do not require one. It would not hurt to make one if you have the means to do so and think that you would come off well via video. However, we will never directly show an expectant mother a video. She would only see it if she were browsing for families on our website or ParentFinder's.
- □ Create a Gmail account to communicate with a birth mother using only your first names and the word adoption (ie: <a href="JackandJillAdopt@gmail.com">JackandJillAdopt@gmail.com</a>). Get a Google Voice # (<a href="www.google.com/voice">www.google.com/voice</a>) 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 (<a href="https://www.facebook.com/KirshandKirsh/">https://www.instagram.com/indianaadoption/</a>). and Instagram (<a href="https://www.instagram.com/indianaadoption/">https://www.instagram.com/indianaadoption/</a>).

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.