



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
 - 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.
 - If you pay online, be sure to email annie@kirsh.com afterwards to let her know.
 - 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 [Adoptions of Indiana](#) or [Firefly Children & Family Alliance](#).
 - Review our [Database form](#) (where you will select your preferences for a child) and share it with your home study provider. You do not need to complete this form until after your home study is completed.
- 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.
 - Review our Profile Guidelines here: <https://shorturl.at/58a4t>. ParentFinder does hold strictly to these guidelines, so it would be best to familiarize yourself with them.
- 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 YOUR HOME STUDY IS COMPLETE

- Your home study provider should email your completed home study to michelle@kirsh.com. We do not need a hard copy.
- Schedule a meeting with Rachel (using this link: <https://calendly.com/rachel-kirsh/20min>) to discuss your Database form. After the meeting, please ask Michelle to send you the Database form to complete via DocuSign.

ONCE YOUR PROFILE IS COMPLETE

- ParentFinder will send your PDF profile to Michelle once it has been finalized. You do not need to print hard copies of your profile.
 - ParentFinder will send your profile to Grant before finalization to ensure that it's as strong as possible.
 - 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.

ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL OF THE STEPS ABOVE

- Michelle will send you an email to confirm that you are active on our list, which will include a letter detailing important information about becoming active.
 - 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.