

Dissolution Policy

- Policy:** In the event the adoption is made final in the child's country of origin prior to arriving in the United States, KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. will monitor the post-adoption period of placement to ensure that the placement remains in the best interests of the child. KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. will make at least the number of home visits required by the State of Indiana, as well as by the country of origin of the child.
- Purpose:** To define the steps to be taken for KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. and the adoptive family in the event the post-adoption dissolves after the adoption has already been made final in the child's country of origin.
- Scope:** This policy shall apply for all adoptive families adopting from Convention countries where the adoption is made final in the child's country of origin prior to arriving in the United States of America.

Procedure:

1.0 GENERAL RULES

- 1.1 KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. and the Adoptive Parent(s) will seek to avoid dissolution of their adoption if that is in the best interests of the child.
- 1.2 The Adoptive Parent(s) will notify KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. promptly if there arise significant problems in relationship or situation of the Adoptive Parent(s) and child during such time.
- 1.3 To the extent it has knowledge and resources, KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. will provide advice and offer information regarding available external assistance such as counseling that the Adoptive Parent(s) may engage at the Adoptive Parent(s)' expense.

2.0 VOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION OF ADOPTION BY ADOPTIVE PARENTS

- 2.1 In the event that counseling is not successful in resolving serious difficulties and the Adoptive Parent(s) decide that vacating the adoption is in the best interest of the child, KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. will assist the adoptive family in finding a subsequent adoptive family for the child, if possible.
- 2.2 Should the efforts used to locate a subsequent adoptive family yield no results, it will be the adoptive family's responsibility to utilize the services available to them through the Department of Child Services for the State of Indiana or the state in which they reside.
- 2.3 In considering future placement of the child, KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. will consider the child's views when appropriate in light of the child's age and maturity and, when required by Indiana State law, obtain the consent of the child prior to change in physical home or custody. KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. will also consider the child's age, length of time in the United States, and other such pertinent factors.
- 2.4 Notwithstanding removal of the child from the Adoptive Parent's home and custody, the Adoptive Parent(s) shall continue to have financial accountability for all costs required for child's

care until such time as KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. is able to effect other placement or return of the child as set forth above, and the Adoptive Parent(s) will pay such costs upon billing by KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. will make reasonable efforts to determine if child is eligible for various governmental social welfare programs providing financial assistance to children and, if so, work with the Adoptive Parent(s) to see that child is enrolled and that the Adoptive Parent(s)' billed expense is reduced accordingly.

3.0 DISSOLUTION OF ADOPTION DUE TO CRISIS OR EMERGENCY DURING PLACEMENT PERIOD

- 3.1 Upon or before placement of a child, the Adoptive Parent(s) will provide KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. information regarding the Adoptive Parent('s) arrangement during the post-adoption period of placement and care of the child (guardianship) should a crisis or emergency arise making it impossible for the Adoptive Parent(s) to fulfill responsibilities for the child as set forth herein.
- 3.2 To the best of its efforts, KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. will continue any responsibilities it has for monitoring and reporting during the post-adoptive period, but KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. will have no financial or other responsibilities with respect to that custody and care.

4.0 DISSOLUTION OF ADOPTION DUE TO NEGLECT OR ABUSE

- 4.1 In the event that KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. suspects child neglect or abuse occurring, in compliance with the laws and regulations of the State of Indiana, KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. will report such suspected neglect or abuse promptly to appropriate law enforcement and public child welfare authorities and cooperate fully in their investigation and its resolution.
- 4.2 If local law enforcement and public child welfare authorities act to remove the child from the home, and assume temporary custody and care of the child, due to child abuse or neglect, then:
- (a) KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. will assist the local enforcement, if possible and KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. will be responsible for notifying the foreign country government about the change in custody and care and the child's new adoptive parents.
 - (b). In considering future placement of the child, KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. will work cooperatively with local enforcement to help secure another placement for the child, if possible.
- 4.3 In the event removal of the child from the Adoptive Parent('s) home is the result of action by law enforcement or child welfare authorities, the Adoptive Parent(s) will have that financial and other responsibility for the child's care as is required by laws and regulations of the county, state, or other jurisdiction governing such circumstance.