

Post-Adoption Services

- Policy:** KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. takes all appropriate measures to insure that during the placement of a child, adoptive families experience placement, post-placement, and post-adoption services from only trained staff and providers on behalf of KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc.
- Purpose:** To make available to prospective adoptive families the services to provide support and insure completion the adoption process through finalization while emphasizing and focusing on the welfare and needs of the child throughout the process.
- Scope:** The procedures outlined below will apply to every client/family who has engaged KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. for post-adoption and /or finalization services.

Procedure:

1.0 GENERAL GUIDELINES

- 1.1 KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. will employ only trained personnel to serve and support adoptive families in the final steps of post-adoption requirements and reporting.
- 1.2 At initial inquiry for adoption information, KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. will inform prospective adoptive families of the post-adoption services available to them through KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. in order to fulfill adoption regulations and agreements with their child's country of origin, and/or the State of Indiana.
- 1.3 KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. will inform prospective adoptive families in written form, as well as verbally, of the policies and procedures in the event of an adoption disruption or dissolution.
- 1.4 KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. will provide a written contract engaging the agency to provide post-adoption reports for the family as required by their child's country of origin, placing agency, and/or the State of Indiana.
- 1.5 KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. social service staff members will discuss with the prospective adoptive families the importance of fulfilling the post-adoption reports as required by their child's country of origin and/or the State of Indiana.

2.0 Post-Adoption Services/Reports

- 2.1 KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. social service staff will maintain written records of post-adoption services and reports in the adoptive family's permanent file.
- 2.2 Upon return to the United States, the adoptive family will contact KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. for post-adoption services, or the social work staff will make contact with the family to initiate the post-adoption services in accordance with the child's country of origin and/or the State of Indiana.

- 2.3 KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. will conduct post-adoption interviews and subsequent reports in the company of the adoptive parents and the adopted child.
- 2.4 KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. will not return a child to the country of origin under any circumstances. Once a United States family formally adopts a child from abroad, that child is recognized as a US citizen. In the event of a disruption or dissolution, the child would fall under the US regulations and laws governing a domestic adoption. Furthermore, KidsFirst International Adoption, Inc. does not have a program nor will ever have a program, where United States children are adopted into a foreign country by foreign parents.