

HOME STUDY FORMAT
IN A PARENTAL PLACEMENT ADOPTION

VIRGINIA

Home Study Report
By (name of agency)

In The Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court of (city and county)

In Re:

(name of family)

(street address)

(city or county, state and zip)

(telephone number)

To the Honorable (Judge's name), Judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court
of (city/county):

The (name of agency) having been requested to complete a home study on the above-
named family, pursuant to Chapter 12 Article 3 makes the following report:

The child to be adopted is a (race and sex) born (date of birth) in (place of birth) (state
whether birth information has been verified. If verified by birth certificate, include birth
certificate number). He/she is identified as (child's name) on the birth certificate.
He/she is not related to the petitioners by blood or marriage (or state the relationship of
the child to the petitioners).

Suitability of the petitioners to adopt:

Ages, races, educational background, date of marriage (state whether verified), sex and
ages of children.

Former marriages, place, date, method of termination (state whether verified), ages and
whereabouts of children of former marriages.

Employment of the petitioners, all income, savings, investments, insurance, debts, including mortgage and time payments, and real estate owned.

Description of the home and community, members of the household, relationships, and housekeeping standards.

Religion of the petitioners, personality, community activities. Statement about whether the petitioners are in satisfactory physical and mental health to raise a child.

Petitioners as observed by references. Findings of the criminal record check and child protective services check.

Condition of the child

Name, age, school grade and achievement, if applicable, and health condition confirmed by medical statement. Physical, mental and emotional development. Birth history. Relationship with petitioners, other members of the household, peers and adults.

Separation from birth parents

Circumstances of the birth, reason for separation, way in which separation occurred and attitude of the birth parents toward the adoption.

Physical description of all parents, ages, races, verified marital status of the mother at the time of the child's conception and birth, educational backgrounds, employment, physical and mental health, personality.

Name and address of the birth parent(s).

Circumstances of the placement

State when and how the child came to live in the home. If applicable, include a statement as to whether the requirements of law related to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children have been met.

Evaluate, if appropriate, the care the child receives, adjustment in the home, the petitioners' adjustment to the child and the suitability of the adoption.

Report financial arrangements, exchange of property among the parties, and the fees paid or charged for services related to the placement or adoption of the child. Include names and addresses.

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Agency's Recommendation

The (name of agency) recommends that this placement is/is not a suitable placement for the child.

If the recommendation is against the placement, the agency must specify why the placement is contrary to the best interest of the child.

The (name of agency) recommends that the petitioners be assessed a fee in the amount of \$_____, or recommends that no fee be assessed to the petitioners.

Respectfully submitted,

(Superintendent/Director)

Prepared by: _____
(Name of worker)

NOTE: A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATION FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COURT WITH THE HOME STUDY REPORT.
