



Nathanson
Adoption Services
The Homestudy Agency

Helene M. Nathanson, MHDL, Executive Director

Dear Prospective Adoptive Parents,

Thank you for requesting information about obtaining a preplacement assessment from Nathanson Adoption Services. Our goal is to help you navigate through the initial steps of the adoption process in a caring, compassionate manner.

In order to begin the process, you will need to complete and submit three forms to us (all of which are found on the "Application Packet" page on our website):

1. The signed Fee Agreement.
2. The Two-Page Application.
3. The completed Responsible Individuals List (RIL) Information Form (right top hand side only, one for each adult).

After you have completed all of the above, return all documents to our office, along with your check or money order made payable to Nathanson Adoption Services.

Once we receive your application materials, we will review your application and determine whether or not it would be appropriate for us to conduct your preplacement assessment. We will notify you of our determination in writing within a few days. If we conclude that it would not be prudent to proceed with the assessment, your check will be fully refunded at that point. If it is decided that we can proceed with the assessment, you will receive a "Welcome Packet" with more detailed information about the process, as well as information about scheduling your first meeting. Once we begin the assessment process, fees are nonrefundable. A determination to proceed with the assessment is not a guarantee of a favorable report.

We also invite you to visit our website at www.NathansonAdopt.com, which offers answers to many frequently asked questions as well as information about the adoption process itself.

We look forward to working with you, and appreciate the opportunity to be part of your adoption experience.

Sincerely,

Helene M. Nathanson, MHDL
Executive Director