



**Nathanson**

**Adoption Services**

*The Homestudy Agency*

Amie Bouchat, Agency Director

## **Welcome Letter**

Dear Prospective Adoptive Parent(s):

Welcome...we have reviewed your application for a preplacement assessment and determined that it would be appropriate for us to proceed with the completion of your assessment. We will be meeting on three separate occasions, with two meetings at our office, and one at your home with all family members present. Meetings will be scheduled based on whether you have chosen our standard or expedited completion time frame.

Please review our document requirements, which lists all of the documents required for our agency to complete your assessment. Some of the topics discussed during the assessment include: individual history of adoptive parents, health, criminal records, financial situation, reasons for wanting to adopt, attitudes towards adoption, discipline, childcare plans, and discussing adoption with the child. In addition, there will be an educational component of the assessment process where grief and attachment, communicating about adoption to others, and various adoption related topics will be discussed.

After you have read this "Welcome Letter," take out your calendars, and let's schedule the first meeting! You can call your social worker, whose name and contact information is included in the body of the email, when you are ready to begin.

Remember to keep all originals of documents, and only give your social worker photocopies. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,  
Amie Bouchat

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