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POLICY CHANGES 2022

Here at Mother Goose Adoptions we are making two major policy changes for 2022. We believe these changes will allow us to better meet the needs of our clients and, most importantly, allow our adoptive parents to better meet their needs of their child(ren).

Openness

Starting in 2022, all of our adoption will be fully open, which will stipulate a minimum of a yearly visit. The exception to this policy will be cases that come in already matched, seeking case management services for this privately matched adoption.

We have seen a rising trend, over the last few years, of birth families hesitating over their adoption plan at the hospital. Many moms have expressed that they would not be able to place unless the adoption was fully open, with visits. The sentiment is that saying goodbye to their child forever was not something that they were able to do, nor do they believe it is what is ultimately best for the child. Many peer reviewed research studies support this concept. As you can imagine, this major shift has created some tense situations at the hospital. Thus, our policy change.

Moving forward, all of our adoptions will adhere to the following minimum schedule of openness. Please make sure that you are comfortable with this degree of openness prior to registering with Mother Goose and definitely prior to presenting to any cases.

Details of Minimum Agreement:

- Updates/Photos: a minimum of 1, 3, 6, 9, 12, 18, 24 months. Then yearly.
- Text: same as above
- Phone/Video Chat: quarterly.
- Visits: yearly

Internet Platform for Sharing

Furthermore, we are asking all adoptive parents to set up a closed, private Facebook or Instagram page where you will post photos and updates on a regular basis. Please only add yourselves, birth family, and agency employees to this page so that confidentiality is maintained. We will be asking for the name of this page at the time of match so please prepare ahead.

Adoptive Parent Training

Additionally, we are now requiring all of our adoptive parents to take a minimum of 8 hours of adoptive parent training. These training hours can be from any source that offers certificates or documentation for the hours you spent in training. They may be in person or virtual.

The training topics will be required as follows:

Topic	Hours Required	Who is Required to Take
Openness in Adoption	2	All Adoptive Parents
Transracial Adoption	2	Any family adopting outside of their race/ethnicity
Substance Exposure	2	Any family approved to adopt a substance exposed child
Electives	2-6	
Total Minimum Hours Required	10	

We will provide a list of resources on the website that is by no means exhaustive. Please spend some time in researching topics that will most benefit your family. If you have completed hours for your home study, they may be used towards the 8 hours. If they do not meet the topic requirements then you will still need to have those topic specific additional hours.

We believe that these changes will enhance our programs and better able us to meet the needs of everyone in the adoption triad. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our Adoptive Family Coordinators with any questions.

As always, wishing you peace and joy!

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