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To our prospective clients,

As part of our ongoing commitment to the success of our adoptive families and our birth parents, we are requiring at least 10 hours of adoption education for our home study clients and our adoptive family applicants. We believe this is the best way to help our families understand the perspectives of our birth parents as well as begin their successful journey as an adoptive family.

To our home study clients:

- 1) As part of the home study process, our potential adoptive parents will be required to complete the following courses at www.adoptiontrainingonline.com:

Multi-Cultural and Trans-racial adoption
Openness in Adoption
Our Child is Home! Now what?
Bonding and Attachment Issues in Domestic Adoption
Medical Risks for Domestically Adopted Children

- 2) Each potential adoptive parent will be required to read the book "Bridges Out of Poverty". This book is an excellent guide to help you understand and relate to our birth parents and will eventually help you to form better relationships during your match with them over time.

To our agency applicants:

- 1) If your home study provider required adoption training, please provide certificates of completion for the classes you participated in. Please make sure that these certificates clearly state your hours of Continuing Education earned for each training session.
- 2) If you have not completed at least 10 hours of adoption training, you will be required to take as many classes listed above needed to gain your required 10 hours of training.
- 3) Bridges Out of Poverty is a required reading for all potential adoptive families.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping our agency provide the best service and outcomes to our birth parents and our adoptive families.

Sincerely,

Kirsten McGonigal, LMSW/MPH
Child Placement Supervisor

*Notes:

The online training comes in two different options:

- 1) The five courses are \$15.00 per person, per course.
- 2) There is the option of the Domestic Adoption Bundle. This bundle has 8 courses, of which the 5 required courses are included. The Domestic Bundle is \$139.00 for couples

“Bridges out of Poverty” can be purchased on Amazon for an average price of \$20.00. I have found copies on Ebay and at Barnes and Noble as well. Finally, it is available for download on Goodreads and Audible.

