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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 16 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 <https://www.adoptionlearningpartners.org/catalog/courses/domestic-infant-adoption-package-16-hour.cfm>

This is a 16-hour course consisting of 10 courses that I have personally taken, and feel will benefit the adoption process as well as parenting an adopted child.

- 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.
- 3) If you are willing to enter into a transracial adoption, meaning adopting a child of any race/ethnicity that is not the same race/ethnicity of you and/or your partner, then we require you to read "*Inside Transracial Adoption*" by Beth Hall. It can be found on Amazon.

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 16 hours of adoption training, you will be required to take as many classes listed above needed to gain your required 16 hours of training.
- 3) Bridges Out of Poverty is a required reading for all potential adoptive families.
- 4) "*Inside Transracial Adoption*" is required reading for all parents who are open to a transracial placement

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.

All my best,  
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