INTERSTATE COMPACT PROCESS

Adoptions, in which the adoptive parents and the child they are seeking to adopt do not reside in the same State, are subject to the rules and regulations of the **Interstate Compact for Placement of Children (ICPC)**. Adoptive parents and the Adoption Alliance must be strictly adhered to these rules and regulations.

Each state has entered into an agreement with all other states. The "Sending State" (where the child was born and/or placement is to be made), must approve the child's departure from that state. The "Receiving State" (where adoptive parents reside) must give approval for the child to enter the State.

A packet of documents is assembled by the Agency and sent via Federal Express to the "Sending State". The Interstate Compact staff in the "Sending State" reviews and sends the packet to the "Receiving State" to give their approval. After the "Receiving State" gives approval, the "Sending State" contacts the agency and gives verbal approval. Immediately upon receiving approval, the Adoption Alliance will call the adoptive parents to advise them of ICPC approval. The adoptive parents can then make arrangements to return home with their child.

PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE FOLLOWING:

1. The Agency will prepare all ICPC documentation as soon as legally possible. We cannot control the time it takes for the ICPC offices to grant approval, but it usually takes 7 to 10 business days to grant approval.

2. The ICPC "packet" cannot be sent in advance of the relinquishment.

3. Please allow the ICPC Administrators to do their jobs. Leave the phone lines open so the Administrators can contact the offices and agencies necessary to facilitate your approval.

4. Please understand ICPC is a law that must be observed.

ADOPTIVE FATHER

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Signature Date

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Printed Name

ADOPTIVE MOTHER

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Signature Date

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Printed Name

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