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Family: _____ Date: _____ Country prepared for: _____

Social Worker:

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Agency: _____

Dear Social Worker,

We are delighted that you will be working with our family and providing a home study for their adoption. Per Florida law, the home study must include the items listed on the next page. In addition, all home studies must meet regulations of the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoptions as well as USCIS requirements. Some items require addressing for both spouses (for singles, just check the appropriate gender). We recognize some Hague, USCIS and Florida requirements may be the same, and in such cases, only need to be listed once in the home study.

Please fill out the top portion of this form and place a check next to each requirement, indicating its inclusion in the home study.

Return this signed form with a notarized copy of the home study to CCI's office. This notarized copy is in addition to the copies you send the family for their dossier and records.

If you have any questions, please call or write Angela, angela@celebratechildren.org. Thank you.

Angela K. Vance, MSW
 Celebrate Children International

Notes:

Signature of social worker preparing home study: _____

Signature of CCI representative approving finalized homestudy: _____

CCI office: DO NOT FILE WITHOUT APPROVAL SIGNATURE

CCI Usage Only:

Home Study _____ Accepted/ _____ Denied by Celebrate Children International.

Date: _____ Initials of reviewer: _____

Family Name: _____

"Applicant" refers to the prospective adoptive parent(s)

Florida Requirements:

Included	Item	Florida item required:
	A	The applicant's motivation for adoption.
	B	The strengths, weaknesses and person adjustment of each member of the household. ___ His strengths ___ Her strengths ___ His weaknesses ___ Her weaknesses ___ His personal adjustment ___ Her personal adjustment
	C	The attitudes and feelings of the family, its extended family members, or significant others towards adoptive children.
	D	The attitudes of the applicants toward the birth parents and the reasons children may be in need of adoptive placement. ___ Attitudes toward the birth parents ___ Attitudes toward reasons
	E	The applicant's plan for discussing adoption with the child (<i>please be as specific as possible. This item is not satisfied by addressing cultural awareness for the child</i>).
	F	The applicant's emotional stability and maturity. ___ His ___ Hers
	G	The applicant's ability to cope with problems. ___ His ___ Hers
	H	The applicant's capacity to give and receive affection. ___ His ___ Hers
	I	The applicant's child caring skills (<i>please include more than just disciplinary plans</i>).
	J	The adjustment of birth children, and previously adopted children, if appropriate. (<i>How do the parents expect the <u>current</u> children to adjust to the newly adopted child and the changes the adoption will bring to the family? What will they do to help facilitate this adjustment?</i>)
	K	The applicant's ability to provide financially for the child and other family members.
	L	A medical assessment identifying any medical problems which may limit the applicant's ability to parent a child to adulthood. ___ His ___ Hers
	M	The applicant's religious orientation, if any (<i>if there is no religious orientation, state this</i>). ___ His ___ Hers
	N	The location and physical environment of the home.
	O	The plan for child care if the prospective adoptive parents both work outside the home.
	P	A recommendation in regard to the number, age, sex, characteristics, and special needs of the children who can be best served by the family.
	Q	Evidence of screening of the applicants by the state of residence Protective Services System Abuse Registry and law enforcement clearance. ___ His law enforcement ___ Her law enforcement ___ His abuse registry ___ Her abuse registry
	R	Any special characteristics or limitations of the applicants regarding children placed for adoption in their home.

Florida Code: 65C-15.028 under Specific Authority 409.175 FS. Law Implemented 409.175 FS. History--New 12-19-90, Amended 10-27-93, Formerly 10M-24.042

(See next page for Hague related requirements)

Hague Requirements (CCI requires all items even for non-Convention cases):

√	Rule and Regulation No.	Components
	96.47(a)(1)	Applicant's identity
	96.47(a)(1)	Information concerning the applicant's eligibility and suitability to adopt
	96.47(a)(1)	Applicant's background: _____ husband _____ wife
	96.47(a)(1)	Applicant's family and medical history _____ husband _____ wife
	96.47(a)(1)	Applicant's social environment
	96.47(a)(1)	Applicant's reasons for adoption
	96.47(a)(1)	Applicant's ability to undertake an intercountry adoption
	96.47(a)(1)	Characteristics of the children for whom the applicant would be qualified to care, including whether the applicant is willing and able to care for a child with special needs
	96.47(a)(2)	A final determination concerning whether the applicant is eligible and suitable to adopt
	96.47(a)(3)	A statement describing the counseling and training provided to the applicant during the home study process
	96.47(a)(4)	The results of a criminal background check on the applicant and any other individual in the home over the age of 18 years.
	96.47(a)(5)	A full and complete statement regarding the applicant's eligibility to adopt from the specific country, if the specific country has made known any specific eligibility requirements
	97.47(a)(6)	The same and exact version of the home study has been provided to USCIS, the child-placing agency, applicant, and country of origin, as well as any other entities that must receive a copy of the applicant's home study before, during and after the adoption process.

USCIS Requirements:

√	8 CFR 204.3e:	Components
	1	Personal interviews and home visit: __ At least one visit has taken place in the home __ At least one interview has been conducted in person with each adult member of the household. __ List of contacts, including date and type
	2(i)	Assessment of the physical, mental and emotional capabilities of each parent (and adult household member) to properly parent an orphan. Adoptive Father: __ physical, __ mental, __ emotional capabilities Adoptive Mother: __ physical, __ mental, __ emotional capabilities Adult household member: __ physical, __ mental, __ emotional capabilities __ If applicable, a discussion has been made of the homestudy preparer's concerns, any referrals, evaluations and outcomes, including any restrictions
	2(ii)	Assessment of finances
	2(iii)(A)(1) & Adam Walsh	Child abuse registry inquiries and results for all states lived in the past five years. __ Father __ Mother __ All adult household members
	2(iii)(A)(2)	Inquiry regarding history of substance abuse, sexual or child abuse, or domestic violence, even if it did not result in a conviction. __ Father __ Mother __ All adult household members
	2(iii)(B)	Information regarding history of abuse and/or violence, if applicable. __ Father __ Mother __ All adult household members
	2(iii)(C)	Evidence of rehabilitation, if applicable
	2(iii)(D)	Each parent and adult member of the household must acknowledge the duty of

		<p>candor: Failure to disclose an arrest, conviction, or history of substance abuse, sexual or child abuse, and/or domestic violence by the prospective adoptive parents or an adult member of the prospective adoptive parents' household to the home study preparer and to the Service, may result in the denial of the advanced processing application or, if applicable, the application and orphan petition, pursuant to paragraph (h)(4) of this section. Failure by the prospective adoptive parents or an adult member of the prospective adoptive parents' household to cooperate in having available child abuse registries in accordance with paragraphs (e)(2)(iii)(A)(I) and (e)(2)(iii)(A)(I)(i) through (e)(2)(iii)(A)(I)(iii) of this section will result in the denial of the advanced processing application or, if applicable, the application and orphan petition, pursuant to paragraph (h)(4) of this section.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> All adult household members</p>
	2(iv)	<p>Inquiry regarding previous rejections as a PAP or unfavorable home study.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> All adult household members</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> If a rejection/unfavorable home study has occurred, discussion regarding prior rejection.</p>
	2(v)	<p>Information regarding any criminal history</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> All adult household members</p>
	3	Description of the home
	4	Handicapped or special needs orphan: Discussion of preparation, willingness and ability to provide for a special needs orphan.
	5	<p>Summary of counseling given and plan for post-placement counseling.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Such pre-adoption counseling must include a discussion of the "processing, expenses, difficulties, and delays associated with international adoptions."</p>
	6	Specific approval of the PAP for adoption and a discussion of the reasons for approval, including the number of orphans, and any restrictions. Specific approval for a special needs adoption must be stated clearly.
	7	Home study preparer's certification and statement of authority to conduct homestudies.

*I, _____ (home study preparer), attest that each and every requirement, Florida, USICS and Hague, is included in the home study provided for _____ (applicant). If this home study is found to be lacking any requirement, or part thereof, I agree to provide an amended copy of the home study **without charge to the client.***

Home Study Preparer

Date

Sworn and subscribed before me this ___ day of _____, 20__.

Notary

Commission Expiration Date