

# COSTA RICA EXHIBIT A

## POST-ADOPTION REQUIREMENTS

### POST-ADOPTION REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with the provisions of the Adoption Services Agreement, the adoptive parent(s) (AP) must fully comply with, and is solely responsible for paying all costs and fees associated with, all post-adoption requirements imposed by AGCI, the sending country, the jurisdiction in which the AP resides, or any other government authority with jurisdiction over the adoptive placement. Post-adoption requirements may differ from case to case. Following is a summary of the post-adoption requirements anticipated regarding Costa Rica:

1. AGCI and the country of Costa Rica require post-adoption reports be completed after placement. Reports are due at months 3, 6, 12, 18, 24, 30 and 36.
2. Post-adoption reports will be prepared and signed off by a licensed MSW or LCSW and must be written to the below guidelines. The assigned social worker must complete the home visit no more than 30 days prior to the report due to AGCI.
3. A copy of the agency license must be attached to all post-adoption reports. One original notarized report must be submitted for each report due, along with 10 to 15 photos of the child. Photos must meet the requirements below. The AP will be responsible for providing all necessary information to complete the mandatory post-adoption reports and hereby acknowledges that the AP is fully responsible and liable for the non-completion of all post-adoption requirements by prosecution.
4. When adopting siblings, separate reports must be prepared for each child.
5. Post-adoption reporting fees are due to your local provider per their fee policies and protocols. AGCI encourages all families to pay their post-adoption reporting fees before travel.

### PLEASE SEND REPORT TO:

All God's Children International Post-Adoption  
1400 NE 136th Ave, Suite 201  
Vancouver, WA 98684

INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_

INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_

## PLEASE EMAIL PHOTOS TO:

[postadoption@allgodschildren.org](mailto:postadoption@allgodschildren.org)

## PHOTO REQUIREMENTS:

- Please include 10 to 15 photos—must include at least one family photo, and some close-up photos of the child's face and full body. Please make sure that your child is appropriately clothed in all photos (swimsuits are acceptable).
- Photos can be emailed by the family at the time of sending the post-adoption report.

The AP takes responsibility for giving the following post-adoption report example to their social worker to ensure that all post-adoption requirements are met at the time of the post-adoption visit. Please make sure that all reports are on agency letterhead and are written in a narrative style in paragraph form. Do not complete the report in a question-and-answer format.

## GUIDELINES FOR POST-ADOPTION REPORT

### CHILD

- Full name of the child after adoption
- Gender of the child
- Birth date
- Adoption date (court date in some countries)
- Full name of child before adoption

### ADOPTIVE PARENTS

- Full name of the adoptive mother
- Full name of the adoptive father
- Age of the adoptive mother
- Age of the adoptive father
- Address of the parents and the child
- Phone number of the parents
- Profession of the adoptive father
- Profession of the adoptive mother
- Work address of the adoptive mother
- Work address of the adoptive father

INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_

INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSON CONDUCTING REPORT

- Full name of the person conducting the report
- Date of the report
- Location of the report (was the report done in the home?)
- Date of previous report
- Date of next report

## MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE CHILD

- **Health:** Address any problems and what measures have been taken regarding those problems. Include physicals, immunizations, physical development (weight, height). Include any issues with mental health and treatment.
- **Education:** Address success, problems, type of education, any therapy, whether education is developmentally appropriate for his/her age.
- **General appearance:** Discuss whether clothes and general outfits are appropriate for the child's age, gender, culture and religion.
- **Social adaptation:** How the child behaves in different environments. Does the child respond properly to the requests by the parents?
- **Personal hygiene:** Child's ability to care for themselves. Can they brush their teeth, dress themselves? Discuss their attentiveness to their parents.
- **Self-serving skills:** Dressing, eating and problem solving.

## ABILITY OF ADOPTIVE PARENTS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CHILD

- **General care:** General needs, nutrition, shelter, clothing, hygiene, medical and dental care are being met.
- **Safety of the child:** Whether the child is protected from danger, sharp objects, medications, chemicals, electric devices, gas, strangers. How do the adoptive parents evaluate the everyday risks the child is subjected to?
- **Emotional adaptation:** How do the parents demonstrate they love and have bonded to the child? Is physical contact present? Does the child feel the love and respond? Does the child have respect for the parents and other people?
- **Developmental needs of the child:** Any extracurricular activities, sports, achievements and successes.
- **Behavioral issues:** Limits and boundaries.
- **Stability of family relationships:** Contact with family, friends and relatives.

## FAMILY FACTORS

- **Family History:**
  - Family's impact on the child.

INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_

INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_

- Who lives in the home, who most influences the child, parents' experience with children, family values and traditions.
- Relationships with relatives and how those relationships impact the child.
- Strengths and weaknesses in family structure. The role of relatives and friends in the life of the child.
- **Family Living Conditions:** Description of the child's physical condition, condition of the house, satisfactory or not.
- **Child's Room:** Does the child have a separate room, bed and place to play?
- **Employment:** Which parent(s) work, their work schedule and how it impacts the child.
- **Finances:** Sufficient for family size? Can the parent provide the child with necessities (clothes, toys, furniture, school supplies, payments for school and other activities, etc.)?
- **Social Contact:** Neighbors, friends, child's peers.
- **Resources:** Access to school, medical care, cultural events, transportation.

## RESULTS

- Formulate what needs to be done or improved upon. Does the child need additional help for adaptation and who will provide this assistance?

## CONCLUSION

- Evaluation of adoption success
- Signature and title of person who completed the report
- Notary Statement

## U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND RE-FINALIZATION OF ADOPTION

### CERTIFICATE OF US CITIZENSHIP

The adoptive family must obtain a Certificate of U.S. Citizenship or U.S. passport for the child as soon as the child is eligible.

### RE-FINALIZATION OF ADOPTION

There are several reasons why re-finalization of the adoption in the United States is beneficial to the adoptive family and the child; and, in some situations, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) may require that the adoptive family re-finalize adoption in the United States as a condition of granting an orphan visa and/or of U.S. Citizenship for the child. Therefore, as soon as practicable after the child arrives in the United States, and, in any event, within six months after arrival, the adoptive family shall take all steps reasonably necessary to re-finalize adoption of the child in the adoptive family's state of residence. In the alternative, the adoptive family may participate in a procedure which provides a new birth certificate for the child in the adoptive family's state of residence without re-finalization, if such procedure is available and allowed in the adoptive family's state of residence, and if such procedure will

INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_ INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_

satisfy USCIS and state requirements for U.S. Citizenship for the child. The adoptive family should be aware that in some situations, failure to promptly re-finalize an adoption may lead to increased post-adoption requirements and expenses.

### DEMONSTRATION OF COMPLIANCE

The adoptive family must demonstrate compliance with the provisions of this section by providing AGCI with (1) copies of the child's Certificate of U.S. Citizenship or U.S. passport and (2) a certified copy of the United States adoption decree or judgment of adoption and/or new U.S. birth certificate for the child. These documents shall be provided to AGCI within 15 days of the date that the adoptive family has obtained or received them.

I/We understand and accept these post-adoption requirements.

---

Adoptive Parent	Date	Adoptive Parent	Date
-----------------	------	-----------------	------

INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_

INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_