

## Letters of Recommendation

### **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION DEFINED**

These letters recommend you as good candidates for adoptive parents and are written by people who know you well.

### **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

- Five letters of recommendation are required. They should be drawn from the following: friends in your neighborhood or community, longtime friends who have maintained a close connection with you into adulthood, family member (please only have one relative complete a letter).
- The letter should be typed and one page in length single spaced in standard sized font.
- Address each letter: “To Whom It May Concern” and do not include contact information for AGCI or your home study agency.
- The letters must be signed but they do not need to be notarized or apostilled.
- The letter should address the following:
  - How long and in what capacity have you known the applicants?
  - What reason(s) have the applicants shared with you for wanting to adopt a child?
  - Please describe attributes of the applicants that you feel will make them good parents (e.g. personality and temperament, interpersonal relationships, family atmosphere and stability, involvement within the community).