

ALTERNATIVES IN MOTION, INC.

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Alternatives in Motion, Inc (AIM), a child placing agency is always looking for Christian families that are looking to adopt. Right now, we have more families than birth parents, however, we are praying that will change soon.

We are having orientations as needed. If you would like to be considered for the next orientation (not scheduled yet), please fill out this information packet and we will add you to our waiting list.

In His Service,

Denise

Denise Sowders, M.Ed.
Executive Director

1. How long will we have to wait for our child?

- a. Unfortunately, we don't know. Right now, with less women getting pregnant and doing adoption plans the wait has been approximately 2 years or more. In most cases the biological parents participate in the selection of the potential adoptive family with appropriate personnel, then we believe the Lord steps in and makes the decision. In special circumstances, families are chosen because they have indicated they are open to circumstances that surround the heritage, pregnancy, or birth of a particular child. You can at times reduce your wait by thoroughly researching every situation listed on this Information sheet. Your pediatrician is a great source of information when filling out this form.

2. Will we qualify with your agency?

- a. No one is disqualified because of race, age, divorce, etc. Each inquiring family is evaluated individually. However, the policy of the agency is to place our children in Christian homes. We place with two parent, mother and father families, married for more than a year and 21 years of age or older.

When inviting families into the program we look at these things:

- Ability to provide a stable home life for a child.
- Financial ability to provide for a child.
- Ability and desire to unconditionally parent a child through adoption.
- Understanding the need to become educated with and deal with adoption issues through the child's life.

****We understand that many families feel unprepared to face the adoption issues head on. Therefore, the agency provides several opportunities to educate them. Orientation, one on one meeting with agency personnel, all-day seminar, parent support groups, available literature, and annual seminars. We have a lifetime commitment to our adoptive families and children that far exceeds the actual placement of a child into their homes. Post-Adopt services (including counselling, referral services and education) are available to adoptive parents and children.**

3. What is "open adoption?"

This will be explained in orientation; however, the short answer is AIM offers an open concept to every birthmother. She may participate in the selection of a permanent family for her child through the Dear Birth Mother letter and book that every family provides. She may choose to meet the family before birth of the child or at placement. She may choose to have the adoptive family at labor and delivery or waiting in waiting room. Adoption is a relationship and developing a good relationship with your birth mother before hand and after puts a lot of the fear of an open adoption aside. (We will talk in detail about this at the orientation and all-day seminar). However, you need to be open to a relationship with your birth mother.

Can you specify the gender of the child you adopt?

Short answer, no. We at AIM do not allow that because many times the birth parents do not want to know what the sex of the child is. We understand wanting a boy or girl, but specification is impossible.

4. How much contact will I have with the agency?

Our phone is answered 24 hours a day. We want to be always available to our birth mothers. General questions and clarifications can be addressed, Monday through Friday 9-4. We ask you call then so that the specific person handling that situation would be available. If it's an emergency of course call anytime, and we will get you to the right person. Each family in our program is special to us and we welcome the opportunity to interact as well as hear and see pictures of how your child is doing.

5. What are the fees, when are they due and what are they used for?

First, if you know anything about AIM you know that we believe in taking care of and ministering to our birth families. We believe without them there isn't a child and then not a need for an adoptive family. (Don't think you aren't important, YOU ARE!) However, we provide services to your birth family. We will talk in depth about this at our meetings.

Fees are as follows:

<u>Orientation (due at orientation)</u>	\$50.00
(Covers staff time, materials, and continental breakfast)	

<u>Application</u>	\$500.00
(This is for your E-Adopt, postage, paperwork, couples interview, background check, staff hours, references, etc.)	

<u>All day seminar, commitment fee and home study</u>	\$9500.00
(The \$500 and \$9500. For a total of \$10,000. are due at the all-day seminar)	
(cover's all-day seminar, commitment to work with AIM, several individual meetings with the Executive Director, phone calls and the home study which is an all-day meeting in your home with all family members living there and yes 'more paperwork!' Once home study, reference letters and background check/fingerprints are completed you are a waiting family for children whose birth parents are planning adoption. It is devastating if a family backs out after they have been selected to the birth parents. A lot of emotion and love go into this decision. This fee serves as a commitment to work with us towards a placement. If you were to become pregnant, there are special circumstances considered. We will discuss more in person.	

***All fees to this point are non-refundable for ANY reason.

Placement fee (due when you take placement of your child)	\$25,000.00
This fee is due at the placement of the child in your home. This is the final payment to AIM and is not refundable unless we should remove the child from your home.	

*NOTE: At the time that you consummate your adoption, in court, there will be legal fee of approximately \$3500. The attorney, Denise Norman, will be contacting you after placement about this fee. Ms. Norman has done all the legal work up to this point with us, so we ask you to use her for the finalization of your adoption.

Many decisions will be made after each part of the process and I'm with you the entire way and after you get your baby.

I hope this information helps as you make plans to add to your family and remember I'll be with you all the way through and after.

Denise

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YOU MAY SEND IN EMAIL BUT IT MUST PICTURES WITH IT

Information Sheet

1. Application(s) Personal Information:

Husband

Wife

Full Name: _____

2. Applicant(s) Residential Address: (Please be sure to include zip code)

Home Number: _____

Work Number: _____

Cell Phones: _____

Emergency phone numbers other than listed here: _____

What is the first number that we should try if we want to contact you: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Annual Income: _____

Education/Degrees: _____

Marital Status: _____

Length of Marriage: _____

Dates of previous divorce, if any: _____

Church Attending: _____

Age: _____

Race/Ethnicity: _____

3. Other Household Members:

Names

Age

Relationship

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

4. Please briefly describe all, if any significant medical problems or disabilities of Applicant(s) and other household members:

5. Please describe all, if any, arrest, indictments, or convictions for crimes of Applicant(s) and other household members. **(Please be aware that Texas Licensing has a problem with anyone having a criminal record within the past 10 years):**

6. Briefly state why you have chosen to contact our Agency:

7. How did you hear about AIM (Please be as specific as possible for our records):

8. How long have you pursued adoption as a means of enlarging your family?

Have you ever had a home study started? _____ Completed? _____
Can a copy be made available to AIM? _____

9. Have you contacted any other adoption agencies? _____

10. Have you received placement elsewhere? _____

11. **Circle all acceptable possibilities (also complete attached addendum)**

Sibling Group

Permanent Disorder

Full Middle Eastern

Mid-Eastern

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue or grey ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____
Date Signed: _____

Below is a list of “special circumstances” that may accompany a child. It is important that we have an idea of which special circumstances you will consider when we are helping a young mother select her adoptive family.

It is very important that you be realistic about your expectations. Most of the young women that come to our agency for assistance with an adoption plan have had difficult lives laced with emotional/physical/sexual abuses. Prenatal care would probably have been rare before they came to us. Many are living in "today's world" of promiscuous sex and come have been experimenting with drugs or many do. The Lord charges us with the responsibility of helping the birth parents select a permanent family for all His children. The more circumstances a family is open to.... the stronger the possibility of His children receiving a permanent family.

We strongly suggest that you educate yourself on all circumstances so that you will be able to make good decisions for your family. A good possible resource is Baylor College of Medicine, Genetics Department. Another possible resource is the Poison Control Center.

Please remember that all our children do not come with one of these circumstances. Selecting certain circumstances does not limit you to being presented to those situations...rather it enables us to present you to a broader range of birth parents.

IMPORTANT!!! This form if used to select families to invite to orientations. We are looking for families who are open to our children. Your options will be explored during your home study. Once you become part of our program, further education will possibly broaden your expectations.

Please complete the selection below and return to the office as soon as possible.

- ☐ () A child born to a mother who is on Methadone therapy for Heroin withdrawal
- ☐ () A child born to a mother who is on Methadone therapy but has no history of Heroin or other drug usage.
- ☐ () A child born to a mother who is a known felon and is/has been incarcerated.
- ☐ () A child born to a mother who is known to have used drugs prior to this pregnancy.
☐ () Cocaine ☐ () Marijuana ☐ () Heroin ☐ () Alcohol ☐ () Other: _____
- ☐ () A child born to a mother who is known to have used drugs during this pregnancy.
☐ () 1st Trimester ☐ () 2nd Trimester ☐ () At time of birth
☐ () Cocaine ☐ () Marijuana ☐ () Heroin ☐ () Other: _____
- ☐ () A child born whose father is a known felon and has a long history of incarcerations and is presently incarcerated
- ☐ () A child who is born more than five weeks premature and weighs less than 4 pounds.
- ☐ () A child born with a correctable medical concern
☐ () Club Foot ☐ () Cleft Palate ☐ () Cleft Lip ☐ () Other: _____
- ☐ () A child born with a disfigurement
☐ () Birthmark ☐ () Extra Digit ☐ () Facial Deformity ☐ () Other: _____
☐ () Missing Limb
- ☐ () A child who developed meningitis following birth and medical prognosis is
☐ () good ☐ () guarded ☐ () unknown
- ☐ () A child whose mother/father has been diagnosed as schizophrenic
- ☐ () A child whose mother/father has been diagnosed as manic-depressive
- ☐ () A child who is exhibiting signs of drug withdrawal
☐ () mother has admitted drug usage
☐ () mother has not admitted drug usage and it cannot be determined if child was exposed

- () Anglo () Hispanic () Oriental () Black () Indian

() A child who is 4-11 months of age

() A child who is 1-2 years of age

() A child who is 2-4 years of age

() A child who is 4-6 years of age

() A sibling group with

() 2 sibs whose ages fall within birth to 4 years

() 2 sibs whose ages fall within 2 to 6 years

() 3 sibs whose ages fall with birth to 7 years

() A child who has tested positive for the HIV virus

() An infant that has been in the care of others prior to the birth parents contacting this agency for a permanent plan. In this situation, the care was less than adequate.

() We have completed this portion of the inquiry packet in the hopes that the agency will not overlook our family. We understand that our Dear Birthmother letter will be shared with mothers who may have the “special circumstances” which we have indicated AND mothers who are expected to give birth without “special circumstances.”

COMMENTS:

[illegible]

*NOTE: This form does not represent all the circumstances under which a child may be born. 70% of all babies, placed through AIM in 2016 did not fit any of these categories. However, each child comes with his own background, and he needs a family that is accepting of him
“UNCONDITIONALLY.”

**Mail the form, a picture of the front of your home, back yard, and a group picture of the members of your family living in your home to AIM:
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Prospective Adoptive Father

Prospective Adoptive Mother

Date: _____