

DO YOU UNDERSTAND CHECK LIST

FOR BIRTH PARENTS OF CHILDREN TO BE ADOPTED BY AN AMERICAN FAMILY THROUGH "FOCUS ON CHILDREN"

When your child is "ADOPTED" by an American Family to be a part of THAT American family for the rest of its life..... **DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT HAPPEN??**

- 1 Do you understand, that your child will become a part of that American family with a **NEW LAST NAME**, for the rest of its life?
 - 2 Do you understand, that your child may **NEVER** return to Samoa? ←
 - 3 Do you understand, when you sign Relinquish and affidavit papers in the presents of attorneys, you are passing on **ALL** your parental rights to that child to the adoption program and the **NEW ADOPTIVE PARENTS**?
 - 4 Do you understand, ... there will be no letter writing or phone calls between you and your child and its new family in America.
 - 5 Do you understand, **MONEY IS NEVER PAID FOR ADOPTED CHILDREN.**
 - 6 Do you understand, ... that there will be no meeting of birth parents and the American Adoptive parents
 - 7 Do you understand, ... Address and Phone numbers of American adoptive parents will **NOT** be shared with the Samoan birth parents
 - 8 Do you understand, ... that if any extended family, grandparent, uncles, aunts, etc, need to be told of the adoption plans, it is the responsibility of the birth parents to inform them and make sure that there will be **NO** last minute trouble from them.
 - 9 Do you understand, ... if you have any (masalosalo) misgivings about adopting your child to American we must clear all those misunderstandings, before we can go ahead with
- Birth certificate
 - Physical exam
 - Blood test
 - Pictures
 - Visits to lawyers

10 Again Do you understand, that when you sign the relinquish papers in front of the lawyer, you assign your child to the care of Focus on Children and when your child is picked up to go into the care of Focus on Children, THAT is when "Good by's" are to be said with NO future visitation - "IRREVOCABLE SEPARATION"

11 Do you understand, ... that your adopted child may leave for American at ANYTIME without the birth family being notified.

12 Do you have any questions that have not been answered about your child being adopted?
(Note questions if any)

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13 Have the above questions (if any) been answered to your satisfaction?

These points of understanding have been read and explained to me this day: _____
date)

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(Birth Mother)

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(Witness to interview)

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(Birth Father)

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(Witness to interview)

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(Name of Adoptive child)

DO YOU UNDERSTAND ... THAT WHEN YOUR CHILD GOES INTO THE CARE OF "FOCUS ON CHILDREN" ... IT WILL BE HOUSED IN A VERY NICE HOME IN THE ADIA AREA ALONG WITH OTHER CHILDREN ARE WAITING FOR THEIR AMERICAN ADOPTION TO BE COMPLETED.

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