PARTS OF A HOME STUDY

1. **The emotional stability and compatibility of the parent(s).**
   For example: Questions about your childhood, parents, siblings, career/educational history, family traditions, how you were disciplined as a child.

2. **Marital Relationship(s).**
   For example: Previous marriage dates, dates of divorce, reason for divorce, how you met your spouse, how you resolve disagreements, roles in your household.

3. **Parenting Abilities**
   For example: How you learned to parent, what you feel you can offer a child, discipline methods used, how you will address adoption related issues.

4. **Adjustment of own children.**
   For example: Name, age and description of your children, any special needs they may have, how they feel about adoption.

5. **Home and community.**
   For example: Description of house and neighborhood, safety of the home, recreational opportunities, area schools, hospitals and resources.

6. **Economic status.**
   For example: Yearly income, debts, mortgage, car payment(s), insurance, etc.

7. **Family member’s health**
   For example: Physical reports on each member of the household completed by a physician, (see insert, *Physician’s Report for Adoption*) health concerns/problems of family members, medications taken.

8. **Immediate and extended family’s acceptance of an adopted child.**
   For example: Feelings of extended family members regarding adoption, support systems you will rely on as an adoptive family.

9. **Child to be adopted.**
   For example: The age, gender and race of child desired, including what types of special needs you feel you can parent.

10. **Verifications.**
    See insert, *Adoption Home Assessment Required Documents*.

11. **Record clearances.**
    For example: State and local police clearances, Protective Services clearance. See insert, *Licensing Record Clearance Request*.

12. **Assessment and recommendation.**
    For example: The worker’s assessment of adoptive family and recommendation for adoption.