



## **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.