

# **ADOPTION PACKAGE FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS**

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U.S. Legal Forms™ thanks you for your purchase of an Adoption Package for Prospective Parents. This package includes essential information needed for preparing to adopt a child or adult.

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### **I. FORM LIST**

With your Adoption Package for Prospective Parents, you will find detailed, state-specific information that will assist you in the adoption process.

Included in your package are the following forms:

- 1. Who May Adopt, Be Adopted, or Place a Child for Adoption?
- 2. Court Jurisdiction and Venue for Adoption Petitions
- 3. Consent to Adoption
- 4. The Rights of Presumed (Putative) Fathers
- 5. Online Resources for State Child Welfare Law and Policy

### **II. DESCRIPTIONS OF FORMS**

Brief descriptions of the forms contained in your Adoption Package for Prospective Parents are found below.

**Who May Adopt, Be Adopted, or Place a Child for Adoption?** - This briefing reviews state laws regarding parties to an adoption. General information dealing with who may adopt, who may be adopted, and who may place a child for adoption is identified. In order for an adoption to take place, a person available to be adopted must be placed in the home of a person or persons eligible to adopt. All states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands have laws that specify which persons are eligible as adopting parents and which persons can be adopted.

**Court Jurisdiction and Venue for Adoption Petitions** - This informational guide provides the laws that specify the appropriate state courts, by type and location, for handling adoption petitions.

**Consent to Adoption Legal Guide** - This informational guide reviews state laws that specify the persons who must consent to a child's adoption, time frames for consent, and guidelines for revocation of consent.

**Online Resources for State Child Welfare Law and Policy** – This guide links to websites where state statutes and regulations can be accessed and lists the parts of each state and territory's code that contain laws addressing child protection, child welfare, and adoption.

**The Rights of Presumed (Putative) Fathers** – This publication discusses the rights of the alleged fathers of children born out-of-wedlock and whether states have registries for such fathers.

If you need additional information, please visit [www.uslegalforms.com](http://www.uslegalforms.com) and look up forms by subject matter. You may also wish to visit our legal definitions page at <http://definitions.uslegal.com/>

### **III. LEGAL DOCUMENT STORAGE**

Once you prepare legal documents and forms in your U.S. Legal Forms™ Essential Legal Life Documents Package, it is highly recommended that you keep forms together. An optional USLegal Life Documents Organizer – small or large size is available for purchase from [www.uslegalforms.com](http://www.uslegalforms.com) to help store you legal documents.

Legal documents should also be kept in a very secure place such as a bank safe deposit box or personal home safe. You may wish to tell your attorney or a family member about the location of your Legal Life Documents Package in the event you are unable to communicate it to them when needed.

### **IV. TIPS ON COMPLETING THE FORMS**

The form(s) in this packet may contain “form fields” created using Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat (“.pdf” format). “Form fields” facilitate completion of the forms using your computer. They do not limit your ability to print the form “in blank” and complete with a typewriter or by hand.

It is also helpful to be able to see the location of the form fields. Go to the View menu, click on Toolbars, and then select Forms. This will open the Forms toolbar. Look for the button on the Forms toolbar that resembles a shaded letter “a”. Click this button and the form fields will be visible.

By clicking on the appropriate form field, you will be able to enter the needed information. In some instances, the form field and the line will disappear after information is entered. In other cases, it will not. The form was created to function in this manner.

### **V. DISCLAIMER**

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