



***Congratulations on
deciding to grow your family
through adoption!***

... and thank you for choosing us to guide you through the process. We're here for you, so reach out with any questions along the way.

Home Study Checklist

Step 1

Registration & Application

- Download the app or go to pairtreefamily.com, and click Get Started.
- Choose Home Study, and complete your home study application.



Most families are able to complete their tasks in a few days.

Step 2

Clearances

Each family member living in the home, 14 years and older, must complete this.

- Child Abuse & Neglect Clearance
- FBI Clearance



Each state uses a slightly different process to obtain these clearances. Once you've submitted your application, you'll receive step-by-step instructions.

Step 3

Gather Documents For Provider

Once you submit your home study application, below is the list of documents to start gathering. You'll give these directly to the home study provider at your home visit:

ESSENTIAL

- Latest tax return
(first two pages)
- Bank statement
- Pet vaccination(s)
- Floor plan of home
- Copy of birth certificate(s)
(for every family member, including children)
- Copy of driver's license
- Copy of health insurance card(s)

IF APPLICABLE

- Copy of marriage certificate
- Child's immunization record(s)
- Copy of divorce decree(s)
- Copy of previous adoption decree(s)
- Military discharge(s)
- Copy of citizenship
- Copy of passport
- School reports
(for all school-age children in the home)

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Step 4

Schedule Home Visit

- Schedule your home visit



Your provider will reach out to you to schedule your home visit. **Everyone living in the home should be present.** Your provider will take a tour of your home, review your documents, and get to know you better.

Step 5

Complete Your Education

- Complete your adoption education courses with Creating a Family.



Courses are audio-only (*great to listen in the car!*). Once you submit your application and pay your home study fee, you'll receive a promo code that makes all the courses free.

RECOMMENDED COURSES

- Introduction to Domestic Infant Adoption
- Introduction to Prenatal Exposure for Those Considering Adoption
- What You Need to Know About Open Adoption When You're Thinking About Adopting
- Basic Baby Care for Newly Adopted Babies
- Should You Consider Adopting a Child of a Different Race or Ethnicity

Step 6

Build Your Matching Profile

- Go to PairTree to complete your matching profile



6 months of matching on PairTree is included in your home study fee