

## AAI ADOPTIVE PARENT PREPARATION/EDUCATION AGREEMENT

In preparation for this adoption, I/We \_\_\_\_\_ agree to read at least 3 books on adoption and write a brief summary regarding what we've learned and what specific needs we feel prepared to handle as well as any questions or concerns that we still have. (For domestic adoptions only, please discuss your feelings about birthparents and the level of openness you feel comfortable with post adoption.) The following is a list of some books that we recommend. Feel free to read books that are not included on this list. You will be asked to discuss your adoption education at your individual interviews as well as at your home visit. This satisfies our agency requirement for adoption education. Your placement agency may however have additional educational requirements, thus you should consult with them regarding their policy. Please check off the books you have read and attach this agreement to your summary:

- The Complete Book of International Adoption by Dawn Davenport
- Raising Adopted Children, by Lois Melina
- Loved by Choice: True Stories that Celebrate Adoption by Susan E. Horner, Kelly Fordyce Martindale
- Are Those Kids Yours?, by Cheri Register
- How It Feels to be Adopted, by Jill Krementz
- Twenty things Adopted Kids Wish their Adoptive Parents Knew, by Sherrie Eldridge
- The Russian Adoption Handbook by John MacLean
- Making Sense of Adoption, A Parent's Guide, by Lois Melina
- Adopting the Older Child, by Claudia Jewett, Ph.D.
- Talking to Your Children About Adoption, by Patricia Martinez Domer
- Real Parents, Real Children, by Holly van Gulden and Lisa M. Bartels-Rabb
- Toddler Adoption, by Mary Hopkins Best
- A Guide to Creating a New Family, by Edmund Blair Bolles
- Holding Time, by Martha Welch
- The Family of Adoption, by Dr. Joyce Pavao
- The Lost Daughters of China, by Karin Evans
- A Passage to the Heart, Writings from families with Children from China, author unknown
- Lifebooks: Creating a Treasure for the Adopted Child, by Beth O-Malley
- I Love You Like Crazy Cakes, by Rose Lewis
- A China Adoption Story: Mommy, Why Do We Look Different? By Frances M. Koh
- Chinese Eyes, by Marjorie A. Waybill
- Our Baby From China, by Nancy D. Antonio
- Adoption is Okay, by Sylvia Rohde
- Happy Adoption Day!, John McCutcheon
- Dim Sum, Bagel and Grits: A Sourcebook For Milticultural Families, by Myra Alperson
- Adopting the Hurt Child: Hope for Families with Special-Needs Kids: A guide for Adoption: by Gregory C. Keck, Regina M. Kupecky
- Steppe Children: Gifts from Mother Russia, by Dave Ciccarelli
- Is That Your Sister?: A True Story of Adoption by Catherine and Sherry
- Parenting With Love and Logic Foster Cline, M.D. and Jim Fay
- 1-2-3 Magic, Effective Discipline for Children 2-12, by Dr. Thomas W. Phelan
- Shepherding a Child's Heart, by Tedd Tripp

Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_  
Adoptive Father Adoptive Mother

Date Reading Completed: \_\_\_\_\_