



**SERVICE PLAN FOR JOHN AND JANE DOE**  
**May 15, 2008**

Your adoption coordinator, the social work supervisor, and your social worker have developed this service plan during the intake and home study process. JOH believes that by completing the goals in this service plan you will be better prepared to parent your adopted child. JOH would prefer that the service plan be completed prior to the referral of a child. The plan must be completed prior to placement. The due date for the service plan is September 30, 2008.

1. Sign and return this service plan to JOH upon receipt. Keep a “working” copy for your personal records. JOH staff will sign as Adoption Coordinator & Social Work Supervisor.
2. Please make notations, write synopses of your activities, complete book reviews, and write out any plan to meet the stated goals as you work through the plan. **A check mark by the goal will not suffice.**
3. When all the goals have been completed, return your **completed** service plan with the notes, plans, synopses, and reviews to the JOH Oregon office as evidence of the completion.

**Goals which are included in all Service Plans**

**Adoption Education -- You may begin to read these required books now.**

Strategies:

- A: Complete Hague compliant adoption education requirements
- B: Attend or view a video of adult adoptee panels and adoption conferences.
- C: Read Family of Adoption by Joyce Pavao Maguire
- D: Read 20 Things Adopted Children Wish Their Adoptive Parents Knew by Sherrie Eldridge
- E: Talk with other families who have raised an adopted child to adulthood

**Educate extended family on adoption issues**

Strategies:

- A: Discuss positive adoption vocabulary with family

- B: Discuss the importance of honoring the child's past connections
- C: Provide family with books to read, including Family of Adoption by Joyce Pavao

### **Create a Life Book for your adopted child**

#### Strategies:

- A: Download and print interesting facts about where your child was born
- B: Have family members write and/or draw about their feelings for him while they wait
- C: Add photos with captions as they become available

### **Plan to honor birth parents and child's past connections**

#### Strategies:

- A: Pick places in the home where important pictures can be hung or placed
- B: Consider family rituals (prayers, celebrations) where the birth family and past connections can be thanked, prayed for, etc.
- C: Make a plan for honoring the child's past connections

### **Goals which are included in most Service Plans**

### **Transracial Plan -- This book is required for all transracial adoptions.**

#### Strategies:

- A: Read Inside Transracial Adoption by Gail Steinberg and Beth Hall
- B: Talk with other families who have raised transracially adopted children to adulthood
- C: Research \_\_\_\_\_ and resources in the community that promote \_\_\_\_\_ culture
- D: Write out a transracial plan that includes activities that you will do with your child to promote their ethnic identity
- E: Find information about adoption support groups in the area that focus on transracial adoption

### **Attachment and Bonding**

#### Strategies:

- A: Read Attaching in Adoption by Deborah Gray
- B: Do on line research about activities that promote attachment
- C: Make a plan of activities that promote attachment

**Research unique medical/social characteristics of \_\_\_\_\_ (International)**

Strategies:

- A: Review JOH materials
- B: Do online research
- C: Discuss possible medical issues with your pediatrician
- D: Put together a plan in case of medical or emotional issues

**Learn about \_\_\_\_\_ and its culture (International)**

Strategies:

- A: Conduct research on internet
- B: Begin learning some words and phrases in \_\_\_\_\_
- C: Prepare and serve traditional \_\_\_\_\_ food

**Examples of other goals which may be included in your Service Plan**

**Prepare children in the home for the adoption**

**Couple will strengthen communication with each other**

**Couple will make more time for each other**

**Prepare financially for the adoption**

**Couple will continue to prepare the home for the coming of the child**

**Continue learning about the unique challenges of adoption of older children**

**Couple will continue to educate themselves about becoming first-time parents of an infant or toddler**

**Daycare and Caretaking**

**Family to learn more about raising siblings with different heritages**

**Research resources for special needs child**

**Medical Issues**

**Research drug/tobacco use during pregnancy**

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I/We are have received this service plan and agree to complete the goals discussed in it. I/We can contact our adoption coordinator to discuss the possibility of revising this plan, if necessary. I/We understand that if we change adoption programs some, if not all, of the goals may change. **The completion of this service plan is a prerequisite for your child coming home.** Please refer to JOH's rights and responsibilities document for more information about the contracted delivery of service.

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Adoption Coordinator - JOH

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Date

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Social Work Supervisor - JOH

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Adopting Parent

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