

Adoptive Families



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The How-to-Adopt and Adoption Parenting Network

Our digital magazine, content-rich sites, and online community provide support during every stage of adoption



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The Reluctant Spouse
What do you do when one spouse is reluctant to adopt, and the other one is going to? by Joannee

THAT'S CHINA'S CHINA: DR. JOHAN D. GRAY, PH.D. (L-R), DAUGHTERS OF David and Jennifer, Michigan. Photograph by Kate Bush Moore, Chicago Bay Photography.

ON THE COVER: ISABELLA (L-R), DAUGHTERS OF David and Jennifer, Michigan. Photograph by Kate Bush Moore, Chicago Bay Photography.

It was a long hard to persuade my husband to start a family. When biology failed us, he felt the subject of children was closed. I was not interested in raising a child whom he described as "someone else's kid." That was before we went to China, and had an adorable girl who instantly can't get over me. By the time we got home, he was suddenly Becky's father.

Now that there's a happy ending, I can laugh about our more heated debates, and share our experiences with couples who are thinking about adoption. But when we were in the midst of the decision-making process, I thought I was a seriously defective marital unit.

The toughest decision is the first: Will we adopt, or won't we? Some adoption experts maintain that it's wrong to press ahead with an adoption before a reluctant spouse is fully on board. They argue that, before launching a search, a couple needs to confront and resolve all concerns about adoption.

For many couples, though, you might as well ask them to forever and figure out the rest of their lives. Why? Consider the range of concerns that can fuel reluctance: age, money, time, family, and the unknown of the child.

Such concerns reflect the reluctant spouse's focus on what may be lost: financial security, spouse attention, uninterrupted work time, a biological connection. Could the spouse experience the benefits that come with parenting, there is essentially nothing to mitigate those fears.

Even after a spouse agrees to move forward, there may be backsliding. That is understandable when you contrast a pregnancy with the adoption process. Typically, a pregnancy gives a reluctant spouse nine months to ease into the idea of parenthood. Granted with joy and excitement by friends and relatives, a pregnancy inspires questions: Do you know if it's a boy or a girl? How you pick a name?

Now, consider the issues that couples are forced to confront during the adoption home study process. What age child do you want? What about gender, ethnicity, or race? How will you pay for the high cost of adoption? How do you plan to raise the child? How will you cope with health conditions? And these questions don't even begin to touch on the procedural aspects: Lawyer or agency? Open or closed? Domestic or international?

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Adoption Cost and Timing in 2014-2015: Introduction
How much does adoption really cost? How long does it take? We share the results of our latest Adoption Cost & Timing Survey.
by the editors of Adoptive Families

Early on, Adoptive Families gets newly formed families across the country to get vital information on the cost and length of time it took those families to complete their adoption. We are grateful to every one of you who took our most recent Cost & Timing of Adoption Survey.

Adoption expenses vary according to the state and country program, the agency or attorney used, and secondary expenses, such as travel. With the exception of adopting a child via the U.S. public foster care system, it remains expensive to adopt in the U.S. or internationally. Total costs range from almost nothing, if you adopt from U.S. foster care, to more than \$50,000 from several international countries. Of adoptions finalized in 2014 and 2015, international adoption cost an average of \$42,000. U.S. domestic adoption cost an average of \$28,000.

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EDITORIAL OVERVIEW 2020

Authoritative, practical pre-adoption and parenting information from both adoption professionals and parents.

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Each issue explores a number of themes in-depth. These are subject to change.

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JANUARY	12/1/2019	12/15/2019	1/15/2020
FEBRUARY	1/1/2020	1/15/2020	2/15/2020
MARCH	2/1/2020	2/15/2020	3/15/2020
APRIL	3/1/2020	3/15/2020	4/15/2020
MAY	4/1/2020	4/15/2020	5/15/2020
JUNE	5/1/2020	5/15/2020	6/15/2020
JULY	6/1/2020	6/15/2020	7/15/2020
AUGUST	7/1/2020	7/15/2020	8/15/2020
SEPTEMBER	8/1/2020	8/15/2020	9/15/2020
OCTOBER	9/1/2020	9/15/2020	10/15/2020
NOVEMBER	10/1/2020	10/15/2020	11/15/2020
DECEMBER	11/1/2020	11/15/2020	12/15/2020



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