

TFI Family Services, Inc. PROGRAM PROCEDURE	No. Hague Standard 96.20(b,f,g)
Section: International Adoption Subject: Post Placement Service Provision	
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Purpose

To ensure that post placement services and reports are completed according to applicable requirements of the child's country of origin, State, and Federal law.

Procedure

Agreement for Post Placement services:

As part of the International Adoption Contract, adoptive parent(s) shall sign agreement to complete the required post placement visits and reports, fees for those services, and specific information regarding refundable fees retained for post placement compliance prior to provision of any adoption services. Adoptive parents will receive notification of the fees and person(s) preparing reports prior to post placement services occurring, and the requirement to provide all information until finalization occurs.

Additionally, the International Adoption Contract will describe the agency's plan if the adoption placement is disrupted. This plan will include specific information as designated in the Standards.

Provision of Post Placement services:

The Director of Program Expansion and Initiatives shall ensure post placement visits and reports are performed until finalization according to State law and the laws of the child's country of origin. At a minimum, post placement visits shall occur at the following intervals after returning with the child: within 1 month, at 6 months, at 1 year. In addition to any requirements of the Convention country, the following activities should occur at each post placement visit:

- Identify the tasks and services to be incorporated into the family post-finalization
- Visit with the child alone, if child is of age and/or maturity level to self report
- Include other children in the adoptive family in the process and discuss their feelings, ideas and observations regarding the placement of the new child into the family unit
- Assist the child in his/her understanding of the adoption process
- Help the child understand the dynamics of the relationships within the new family
- Document all contacts with the family and child
- Assist the family in making referrals to other community agencies or services on an as needed basis

Post placement visits and reports shall be completed by persons licensed or authorized to provide said services according to State or Convention requirements. The Director of Program Expansion and Initiatives shall be responsible for ongoing review of State, Federal and Convention requirements for post placement service providers to ensure the agency maintains compliance regarding use of qualified individuals.