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*ARE YOU ADOPTING?*

# ADOPTION EVALUATIONS

**DR. KIRBY REUTTER'S  
PSYCHOLOGICAL ADOPTION  
EVALUATIONS AND FREQUENTLY  
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# PSYCHOLOGICAL ADOPTION EVALUATIONS

International adoption can be a long, daunting, emotional and expensive journey. And just when you thought you were making progress, now you have to complete a psychological evaluation on top of everything else!

At its best, a request for an evaluation can be nerve-racking and intimidating. At its worst, the evaluation poses yet another roadblock between you and your child.

But it doesn't have to be this way! Dr. Reutter specializes in providing thorough, prompt psychological evaluations for international adoptions.

***My goal is to  
make this process as  
efficient and painless  
for you as possible!***

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## ***WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?***

This process can vary according to the requirements of different country programs or agency guidelines, but will most likely include some combination of the following components: clinical interview, review of home study, developmental history, consultation with adoption agency, and the administration of at least one psychological assessment.

## ***WHY DO I NEED A PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION?***

Many countries currently require the adoptive parents to complete a psychological evaluation before the adoption is authorized. Thus far, Dr. Reutter has helped dozens of US families adopt from the following countries: China, Mexico, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ghana, Haiti, India, Nicaragua, South Korea and more!

## ***WHY ARE SOME ADOPTIVE PARENTS REQUIRED TO DO THIS AND SOME ARE NOT?***

Some countries (such as Colombia) require all adoptive parents to complete psychological evaluations, while other countries (such as China) may only request an evaluation when certain themes get flagged in the home study (e.g., previous counseling, past abuse, or the current use of psychotropic medications).

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## ***HOW LONG WILL THIS PROCESS TAKE?***

As soon as Dr. Reutter has all of your required paperwork, he will make every reasonable effort to schedule the assessment process within one week. Once that's completed, every reasonable effort will be made to produce a final report within one more week. Therefore, this entire process from start to finish should take two weeks or less. The biggest and most frequent hang-up in this process is the turn around time in getting your adoption agency to review the final report.

## ***IS IT POSSIBLE TO "FAIL?"***

The purpose of this process is to identify any unresolved issues in your life which may hamper your ability to parent effectively. If any such issues are identified in this process, I will work with you either directly or through referral to make sure these issues get resolved so that you can move forward with your adoption.

## ***HOW MANY STATES ARE YOU LICENSED IN TO PROVIDE PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES?***

At this point, unfortunately, I am only authorized to provide psychological evaluations to clients who are physically located in the states of Texas or Ohio at the time of the evaluation.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## ***HOW MUCH WILL THE PROCESS COST?***

The cost of each evaluation is \$500 per spouse. This fee covers the entire process, from start to finish. The following payment methods are available: cash, check, credit card. Unfortunately, insurance will not cover the costs of a psychological evaluation for adoptive purposes!

## ***WILL MY EVALUATION REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL?***

Absolutely. However, as with every psychologist, I am legally required to report child abuse, elder abuse, dependent adult abuse, and threats of immediate harm (to either self or others).