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ARE YOU ADOPTING?

ADOPTION EVALUATIONS

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

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 final adoption can be authorized. For more than a decade, Dr. Reutter has assisted dozens of families from all over the nation complete their adoption journeys from the following countries: Bulgaria, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Ghana, Haiti, India, Liberia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Philippines, South Africa, South Korea, and Thailand. Don't see your country on this list? Let's make sure it gets added!

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 psychological testing within 1 week. Once the testing has been completed, every reasonable effort will be made to produce a report within 2 weeks. Once a report has been generated, it needs to be reviewed and approved by your adoption agency. The longest and most frequent hang-up in this process tends to be 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?

Dr. Reutter is currently authorized to provide psychological evaluations to clients who are physically located in the states of Texas, Ohio, and Illinois at the time of the assessment.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW MUCH WILL THE PROCESS COST?

For most counties, the cost of each evaluation is \$500 per spouse. Since Colombia requires significantly more legwork than other countries, the cost of Colombian adoption evaluations is \$750 per spouse. This fee covers the entire process, from start to finish. You will receive an invoice once a final report has been approved by your adoption agency. The following payment methods are available: cash, check, Venmo, or PayPal. 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).