

## Which adoption packet should I choose?

Please find below Adoption Packet descriptions to assist you in selecting forms.

**Step-Parent Consenting.** This packet is to be used in the following three situations:

- (1) The relinquishing birth parent is available and willing to consent to the adoption and the spouse or partner of the other birth parent is adopting the minor child.
- (2) The birth parent is deceased and the spouse or partner of the other birth parent is adopting the minor child.
- (3) A second parent adoption in which the child was conceived through assisted reproduction and the partner or spouse of the birth parent is adopting.

**Step-Parent Non-Consenting.** This packet is for use in a situation in which the identity and/or whereabouts of one birth parent are unknown and the spouse or partner of the other birth parent is adopting the minor child.

\*\*\*This packet is not for use in a situation in which the non-consenting birth parent has been contacted and is withholding consent to the adoption. This packet is not for use in a situation in which parties do not wish to or have not attempted to contact the non-consenting birth parent. For these situations, please contact an attorney for assistance.

**International Re-Adoption.** This packet is for use in a situation in which an adoption of a minor child has already been finalized overseas and parties are now finalizing in the United States.

**In Home / Independent Adoption.** This packet is for use when two adoptive parents or one adoptive parent is adopting a minor child (e.g., relative adoption). Both birth parents consent to the adoption, or if one birth parent is deceased, the other birth parent consents to the adoption.

\*\*\*If the identity and/or whereabouts of one or both birth parents is unknown, or if one or both birth parents are withholding consent, please contact an attorney for assistance.

**Adult Adoption.** This packet is for use in the adoption of an adult, age eighteen or older.

Please be advised that Adoption Services does not provide legal forms for every type of adoption. Please contact the Adoption Paralegal at 206-477-1493 for further assistance with packet selection. If you determine that none of the available packets are appropriate for your situation and are uncertain how to proceed, please contact an attorney for assistance.