

Pre-Adoptive Health Counseling For International and Domestic Children

Adopted children have special health needs that can make reviewing the medical record of your referred child an overwhelming process. Children may be small in size due to malnutrition, they may be developmentally delayed, or they may have medical diagnoses that sound frightening. Medical professionals who are not experienced with adopted children may provide you with an erroneous interpretation of your child's medical record. The staff at the Center for Adoptive Families at ICCD can help you sort through your referred child's medical record. It is our goal to assist you in this important decision-making process by providing you with a sensible interpretation of your child's health status. Our staff has reviewed thousands of pre-adoptive referrals.

Medical records are reviewed by a pediatrician or developmental therapist with extensive expertise in the health of adopted children. Your child's growth parameters will be plotted on normal curves, reported diagnoses will be carefully considered, and pictures will be reviewed for observable genetic defects. DVD's are reviewed by the pediatrician and/or developmental therapist who will determine the presence or absence of developmental delay, signs of disease, or other factors that may be of concern to you and your family.

We request a payment of \$500 for each child's record we review. Families can pay via credit card by calling Kathy Fehily (at ICCD) at 781-619-1516. Email all information to: ltirella@iccdpartners.org Please include the request form with phone numbers at which you can be reached during either daytime or evening hours. The clinic staff makes every attempt to respond to requests within four working days. All consultations are conducted over the phone to expedite your receipt of needed information, although "in-person" reviews can be arranged. Please visit our website for more up-to-date details: <http://www.iccdpartners.org/>