



Dear Psychologist:

The couple or individual presenting this letter to you has applied to adopt a child from South Korea through our agency. Our primary concern is that the best interest of the child will be served. We believe that prospective adoptive parents should be in good mental, emotional, and physical health.

The Seoul Family Court in South Korea requires all applicants to obtain a psychological test and evaluation performed by a licensed psychologist.

Suggested psychological tests include:

- Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI-2)
- Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI)
- Child Abuse Potential Inventory (CAPI)

They require only two tests to be administered, and the MMPI-2 is recommended to be used as one of the two. You may use either of the other two tests listed above or different standardized tests at your discretion.

Each applicant needs a separate report. The psychological evaluation report should:

- be based on both an interview with the applicant and the results of a standardized psychological tests.
- include information about the applicant's full names, mental health, childhood experiences, family relationships, coping skills, experience with parenting or parenting beliefs, and an assessment of their parenting capabilities.
- summarize your recommendations and assessment of the applicant's suitability to adopt a child from South Korea.
- state why you selected the two tests that you administered to the applicant.
- be written on your professional letterhead and, ideally, **be approximately 4 pages in length.**
- be signed and notarized (the date the notary notarizes the report must match the date you sign the report).
- include a copy of your professional license and also reference your license number within the report.

The Psychological evaluations will be submitted to Seoul Family Courts as part of the family's adoption application. Please keep cultural sensitivities in mind when you write your report.

Please provide the applicant with **one original, notarized psychological evaluation report.** If you prefer, you may mail the reports directly to our office. Thank you so much for your help.

Sincerely,

Marsha L. Usdane, ACSW, LCSW
Director