

PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION

INFORMATION FOR THE PREPARER OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION REQUIRED FOR APPLICANTS OF THE HOLT INTERNATIONAL KOREA ADOPTION PROGRAM

- This report must be completed by a licensed **Psychologist** or **Psychiatrist** only. Reports written by anyone else will not be accepted by the Korean Court.
- A photocopy of the license of the Psychologist or Psychiatrist should be included with the report.
- A separate report must be conducted on each applicant, or a combined report may be accepted as long as each person's information is covered individually under each report topic/category.
- Adoptive parents understand they are responsible to pay out of pocket if their insurance will only cover psychological evaluations for medical need. If there is no severe psychopathology detected, no multi-axial diagnosis is needed. Please see the attached sample of a report as reference.
- The purpose of this pre-adoptive parent evaluation is to assess the overall mental health/stability of each adoptive parent, and personality functioning or characteristics important to parenting.
- The Korean Courts have requested adoptive parents complete the following:
 1. A clinical interview of each adoptive parent
 2. Standardized psychological testing using the Millon-Clinical Multiaxial Inventory-III (MCMI-III) **or** the MMPI-II to detect severe psychopathology.
 3. The standardized Sixteen Personality Factor Questionnaire (16 PF) or a similar standardized objective test to measure personality traits important to parenting.
- The original reports signed by the psychologist or psychiatrist (no notary required) can be sent directly to the family once completed.

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to contact us in the Korea Program. Thank you for your time and work with the family.

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