Criteria for Licensure of and Adoption Agency

In order to provide private adoption services in Maryland, an incorporated organization must be licensed in accord with Family Law Article §§5-327(b) and 5-501-5-521 Annotated Code of Maryland and Code of Maryland Regulations contained in Title.07 Subtitle .05 Chapters .01, .02 and .03. The only exemptions from this legal requirement are those situations in which a close relative or individual arranges an adoption without the use of a third party to locate an adoptive family or a child. Services, including the completion of a home study, provided by a third party (other than an attorney preparing necessary legal documents) are not permitted unless those services are rendered by staff persons employed by a licensed child placement agency. The agencies listed below are licensed every two years and monitored. Only agencies licensed in Maryland may advertise or market adoption services. The primary purpose for the licensing requirement is to protect the safety, health and welfare of our children.
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
MARYLAND LICENSED ADOPTION AGENCIES

(X indicates inter-country adoption services are available)
(For more information regarding Inter-country Adoption via the Hague Convention, please see the
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http://adoption.state.gov/hague_convention/agency_accreditation/agency_search.php )

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