

AN OVERVIEW OF ADOPTION IN ALBANIA, STATISTICS AND MORE THROUGHOUT YEARS 2000 – 2012

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Abstract

Adoption is the legal act of permanently placing a child with a parent or parents other than the birth parents. In this process, the parental rights of the birth parents are permanently terminated. The adoptive parents then assume full legal responsibility for the child. The child, in turn, gains the same legal rights as that of a child born to the adoptive parents. Adoption is not something people go into lightly. From a prospective adoptive parent's perspective, adoption involves taking responsibility for a human life and committing one's self to doing the best that one can do to make sure that human life - that child - is raised in a loving home. It is a permanent commitment that is expensive in terms of time, money, attention, and energy. Things can go wrong, as they can with any child. It is normal for prospective adoptive parents to experience certain fears they must work through before they can reasonably move forward with the adoption process. Though each adoptive situation is unique, there are common themes will be the subject of this study.

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