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Adoption Service Plan: Samoa

The adoption process from Samoa is completed through the collaborative efforts of a variety of individuals and organizations. **The goal of this document is to help you, as a prospective adoptive family, understand who is providing which adoption service to you or the child you are seeking to adopt.** Since MLJ Adoptions is your adoption agency (Primary Provider), we collaborate with persons domestically and internationally throughout your adoption process.

MLJ Adoptions, a Hague Accredited adoption service provider, as the Primary Provider, bears responsibility to develop and implement the service plan for providing all adoption services and to provide all such services, either directly or through arrangements with other individuals or entities.

Step in the Adoption Process	Service Being Provided	Who's Providing the Service
Home Study	Performing the home study on the adoptive family and reporting on such a study.	An accredited home study provider in your state of residence approved by MLJ
Education	Adoption preparation education.	National Council for Adoption, Creating a Family, & MLJ Adoptions
Identifying a Child in Need of a Family	Identifying a child for adoption and arranging an adoption.	Sarona Ponifasio, attorney at law, in collaboration with Samoa Victim Support Group (SVSG)
Parental Rights of Child are Terminated	Ensuring the legal consent to termination of parental rights and to adoption/guardianship.	Sarona Ponifasio, attorney at law obtains the legal consents of biological parents and the Samoa Courts terminate parental rights.
Referral Information on Child is Received	Performing the background study on the child and reporting on such a study.	Attorney General & Solomona Consultants
Child Placed with Family, but Adoption is Not Yet Finalized*	Monitoring the case after the child has been placed with the family until final adoption.	This service is not applicable because the adoption is finalized in Samoa prior to the child(ren)'s arrival.
Family Decides Not to Move Forward with Adoption after being Matched with Child*	Assuming custody and providing social services to the child if the placement disrupts before the adoption becomes final	Samoa Victim Support Group (SVSG)
Ensuring that the process of adoption is in full accordance with both foreign law and proper ethical standards.	<i>Ensuring that the process of adoption is in full accordance with both foreign law and proper ethical standards.</i>	

*These are not necessarily parts of the adoption process for most families

Should you have concerns with any part of your adoption process facilitated by MLJ Adoptions, please contact: Karlene Edgemon (Executive Director), Sonja Brown (Chief Operating Officer and Samoa Program Director), or Julie Conner (Accounting and Finance).

Please note that your Adoption Service Plan may be changed over time. We cannot guarantee that the providers named this plan will necessarily be the person or entity processing your case at any given time. We will keep you updated with any changes in your Adoption Service Plan.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about your adoption process.



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Signature of First Parent

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