



## Advantages of *surrogacy*

The surrogate desires to assist you in building your family.

The surrogate must maintain a healthy lifestyle while pregnant.

Surrogacy is a secure process whereby a pre-birth order of parentage is obtained before the child is born.

The intended parents' names appear on the child's original birth certificate.

You control the timeline and there are no waiting lists.

You select your own criteria for your surrogate.

## *Costs*

**Agency Fee- \$20,000**

First installment: \$5,000

Second installment: \$15,000

**Legal Fees – Approximately \$12,000**

**Surrogate Screening - \$400-500**

**Escrow Funds – Minimum \$65,000**

Surrogate base compensation: \$35,000

Maternity clothes: \$1,000

Miscellaneous expenses: \$100 per month

Travel to fertility clinic: Varies

Uncovered medical expenses: Varies

Lost wages (if applicable): Varies

Life Insurance: \$1,000

Health Insurance (if necessary)

- \$16,000-30,000

Disability Insurance (if necessary)

- \$350-700

Breast milk: Approx.\$200/week

Escrow management fee: \$2,000

### **Other Expenses**

Fertility clinic fees

Medical screening for surrogate

Medical screening for intended parents

(if genetic parents)

Psychological screening for surrogate

and intended parents



## Becoming a Parent through *surrogacy*

Surrogacy is the process by which a surrogate becomes pregnant and gives birth to the intended parents' child. The surrogate is not genetically related to the child.

The child may be genetically related to one or both of the intended parents, or neither.



# The Surrogacy *journey*

## 1 Intake

Contact us to schedule a time to talk about the process and ask any questions you have about the agency or about surrogacy in general. We will send you our application and, if necessary, help you identify resources for egg, sperm and/or embryo donation.

## 2 Matching

We will provide you with profiles of surrogates who match your criteria. We carefully prescreen all surrogates before matching. We will arrange a pre-match meeting between you and the surrogate and, if you all agree it's a good match, we will officially match you and you will move on to the screening process.

## 3 Medical & Psychological Screening

Your surrogate will undergo a medical screening. If you are contributing gametes (i.e. sperm or eggs), you will also be medically screened. You and the surrogate will also undergo psychological screening to make sure you all understand the process of surrogacy and the potential emotional impacts associated with surrogacy.



## 4 Contract Phase

We will provide referrals to competent attorneys to represent you and the surrogate in the negotiation and drafting of a Surrogacy Agreement, which will set forth the terms of your surrogacy arrangement. It will include information about compensation, insurance, and the surrogate's conduct during the pregnancy.

## 5 Embryo Transfer

The fertility clinic will schedule the embryo transfer with you and your surrogate. If all goes well, your surrogate will become pregnant and the agency will check in with her after each medical appointment and provide you with updates.



## 6 Parentage Proceeding

During your surrogate's second trimester of pregnancy, your attorney will draft a petition for you to sign and a consent form for your surrogate to sign. The petition and consent will be filed with the Court and a pre-birth Order will be issued declaring you to be the parents of your baby and directing the Department of Health to list you as the parents on your baby's original birth certificate.

## 7 Birth

You will be present for the delivery of your baby and will be able to care for and bond with your baby at the hospital. Your baby will be discharged to your care and you will receive your baby's birth certificate listing you as the baby's parents.

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