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*Surrogacy Center*  
Guide for  
*Professionals*



New York Surrogacy Center is a surrogacy matching agency that matches surrogates and prospective intended parents and guides them through the surrogacy journey.

We work with surrogates from New York, New Jersey, and Vermont and intended parents from throughout the United States.

Our uniquely focused agency prides itself on competent and compassionate individual attention to the surrogates and intended parents from the first contact through delivery of the baby.



# The Surrogacy *journey*

1. Intake and prescreening of the surrogate
2. Intake with intended parents
3. Matching of surrogate and intended parents
4. Medical and psychological screening of surrogate and intended parents
5. Contract phase with independent legal counsel
6. Embryo transfer and pregnancy
7. Parentage proceeding during the second trimester of the surrogate's pregnancy that results in an order declaring the intended parents to be the child's parents and directing that they be listed on the child's original birth certificate
8. Delivery of the baby, who goes home from the hospital with the intended parents



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## Eligibility Requirements for NYSC Surrogates

- Between the ages of 21 and 45
- U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident
- At least 1 prior term pregnancy without significant complications
- Delivered less than 6 children
- Had less than 4 C-sections
- Had less than 2 miscarriages
- Had less than 2 stillbirths
- In good physical and mental health
- BMI below 35
- No diagnoses of Hepatitis B
- Must not have HIV or any current or active STDs or STIs
- No ongoing issues with eating disorders
- No issues with severe post-partum depression
- Must provide informed consent for surrogacy
- Consumes no more than 1 alcoholic beverage per day and will not consume any alcohol or drugs while pregnant
- Must not use illegal drugs or misuse prescription drugs
- No smoking cigarettes
- No non-sterile tattoos or body piercings within the last 12 months
- No prior indicated findings of child abuse
- No disqualifying criminal convictions
- Not on probation or parole
- Not a current victim of domestic violence
- Has a stable family environment
- Has consent of spouse, if married
- Has not traveled to a Zika-infected country within last 12 months



## Why Refer *to the* New York Surrogacy Center?

Attorney owned and operated by attorneys experienced in Assisted Reproduction Technology law and licensed in NY, VT and NJ.

- Members of the Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproduction Attorneys (AAAA), New York Attorneys for Adoption & Family Formation (NYA AFF) and American Society of Reproductive Medicine (ASRM)

Our dedicated team ensures compliance with complicated state laws throughout the surrogacy journey.

Our agency is intentionally small, allowing us to maintain close relationships with all of our surrogates and intended parents and to provide individualized attention to all parties throughout the process.

All agency policies and procedures comply with ASRM guidelines for surrogacy.

We conduct extensive screening of potential surrogates before matching regarding:

- Strict eligibility requirements
- Child Abuse/Neglect checks
- Criminal background checks
- Obtain OB/GYN medical records
- STD screenings
- Drug tests
- DMV abstracts
- Credit report
- Home visit with surrogate

Referrals for intended parents to resources for obtaining donated ova, sperm and/or embryos if their fertility clinic does not offer these services.

We conduct an independent review of the surrogate's medical insurance prior to matching.

We provide personalized matching services that pair intended parents with compatible, like-minded surrogates.

We offer thoughtful referrals to experienced mental health providers for psychological screening procedures before embryo transfer.

We provide referrals to experienced Assisted Reproduction Technology law attorneys for contract drafting and parentage proceedings.

We offer referrals to experienced Estate Planning attorneys who are also familiar with Assisted Reproduction.

We assist in coordinating the purchase of insurance for the surrogate, including medical, life, disability, etc. after matching.



We provide independent escrow management services for the funds to be dispensed during the surrogacy journey, which are handled internally by attorneys adhering to strict ethical requirements and who have experience handling large escrow accounts.

Our agency is fully independent in the process and does not provide legal representation to surrogates or intended parents.

It is our passion to provide ongoing guidance and emotional support for intended parents and surrogates throughout the surrogacy journey.

Our agency is fully insured.

