

## Refinalizing Your Adoption in Your State of Residence

Carolina Adoption Services would like to share some of the benefits for refinalizing your adoption in your state of residence:

- The state will issue a "Certificate of Identification of Foreign Birth," which is equivalent to a birth certificate in English.
- Provides a name change for your child where necessary or desired.
- Adoption information is recorded in the Vital Records of the state and becomes readily accessible if needed. Most likely foreign adoption and birth documents will be very difficult, if not impossible, to replace should they get lost or destroyed.
- Will insure the timely inheritance rights of the adopted child.
- May be legally required by one's state of residence, visa status (e.g. IR-4) or both.
- Will guarantee that the adoption will be recognized by all states.

Carolina Adoption Services now offers assistance with the North Carolina and South Carolina readoption process.

The South Carolina services have just been added to our post placement program.

If you are a South Carolina resident and are interested in readopting in South Carolina please contact the post placement with any questions that you may have regarding finalizing your adoption.