



Why Do We Do Pre-Adoption Medical Reviews?

We believe that children who are being adopted are best served when the families who adopt them are totally prepared to meet their unique needs. We're committed to helping prospective adoptive parents understand the predictable needs and possible future issues of children who they consider adopting, so that they may realistically assess their abilities to meet these needs.

We are NOT trying to:

- Screen out "bad kids" – there are no such things!
- Help families "pick a good one" – ALL children deserve the love of a family

We DO want to:

- Help prospective adoptive families to understand in general how the experiences of deprivation, abuse, neglect, and prenatal substance exposure impact children over both the short and the long term
- Help families to understand the medical, developmental, and psychosocial information given to them with the referral of a particular child
- Help families to know what additional information needs to be gathered to develop a reasonably complete picture of the child's potential needs
- Help families to assess their capabilities to meet the foreseeable needs of a particular child
- Begin to connect families with community resources which will help them to help this child to thrive