

1: The Adoption Chronicles #3: Signed, Sealed, Delivered | Loving the Wounded Child

As The Chronicle of Social Change reported yesterday, this year's federal report on foster care shows the number of youth in care has increased for a fifth consecutive year.

The organization we are going through offers all three types if you happen to be in Minnesota, you can check them out here. We have chosen to pursue domestic foster care adoption. All of this needed to be done in order to apply for the program. Education Before applying, we had to complete some online training in order to register for the 16 hours of in-person education. We signed up for the next available online webinars and completed those in early December Then we had to wait over a month to attend the next in-person Adoption Education Classes, mid-January The classes are designed to give as thorough of an understanding as possible about how the process works and what to expect from the kids needing families, plus any potential issues and needs they may have. The organization did a great job of presenting a wide variety of information. We also had a chance to hear from and ask questions of adoptive parents and one adoptee, which I found to be a valuable part of the weekend. It was a lot to take in! So much information came to us, much of it very difficult to hear. The reasons children end up needing to be adopted are incredibly heart-breaking and can cause such horrific grief and trauma to the children. Being adopted is hard. It is not beautiful; it is brutal, it is tragic, it is a cause for great sadness. For in order for a child to even be available for adoption, that child must first go through some sort of tragedy; whether that be abuse, hunger, homelessness, neglect, or even the simple fact that he or she is losing the life and family he or she was born into. This makes adoption a thing to mourn; not a cause for celebration or joy. To be joyful about adopting a child is to be glad that this tragedy happened. I would not recommend watching when you have children nearby. Part Two can be found here [Is your heart breaking after watching that?](#) Sadly, this is not just a video designed to tug at heartstrings. This is the reality of many, many children. But how can we not? These children did not choose to be hurt. They are broken by no choice of their own. Some of my brokenness is a result of my own choices and some by the hand of others. I will always remember and have scarsâ€”I expect it will be the same for adoptive children. I want to offer a safe place for a child to grieve and hopefully begin to heal, regardless of the sacrifice required. Upon completing our adoption education weekend, we were left emotionally drained and exhausted. However, we also had a renewed desire to continue on this journey and prepare to welcome one of these precious children into our family. Will it be easy? No, of that I am certain. Will it be worth it? A thousand times, yes. This, I feel in my soul. After we completed our 2-day education, we were then eligible to register for the program and receive our application and paperwork. It was rather intimidating to reflect and write out detailed answers to incredibly personal questions about our livesâ€”then hand over those details to perfect strangers so they can analyze everything about us. Our childhoods, previous romantic relationships, our income, strengths and weaknesses, parenting experiences, and the hardest experiences of our lives are on display in the self-assessment. We answered 23 questions with sub-questions each. Basically, they want to know everything about us. The paperwork process is not for the faint of heart! And so, we summoned our courage to share the intimate details of our lives and finally submitted them. Signed, Sealed, and Delivered! It feels great to be done with the first mountain of paperwork! We were told to expect a month wait just to be matched with a social worker. In the meantime, we will continue to work on our basement, tackle more assigned homework, and read the next book on my list: [Read full disclosure here](#) Do you have any questions about the process? If so, please let me know in the comments!

2: Greyhounds - The Greyhound Chronicles- Life Behind the Scenes

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3: Chronicles of an Adoption

CHRONICLE OF AN ADOPTION pdf

On November 21st, our country celebrated National Adoption Day. Every year, on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, courts across the country finalize the adoptions of children from foster care. Since this tradition began in , 54, [].

4: the discombobulated chronicle of an eccentric sojourner | The Story, Adoption, Ethiopia, and More

The Chronicle of Social Change, a national news site focused on children, youth and families, just released an ambitious data and reporting project looking at where kids go when they're removed from home.

5: The Chronicle of the Horse

The Adoption Chronicles, Entry #3 Signed, Sealed, Delivered. Have you ever wondered what it takes to begin the adoption process? Each organization and program will look a little different depending on their particular requirements and what type of adoption you're interested in pursuing: international, infant, or domestic foster care adoption.

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