



Journey Steps: What to Expect When You're Expecting 😊

1. **Pre-Matching:** Agency will maintain contact with Parent(s) and provide emotional support while Parent(s) wait for a potential match.
2. **Matching:** Agency will provide Parent(s) with a profile of a Surrogate as a potential match. If Parent(s) approve, Agency will send medical records to Parent(s) clinic for approval. Agency will facilitate video conference/meeting with the Parent(s) and Surrogate so that everyone can get to know each other. After meeting, Parent(s) will confirm if they wish to be matched with Surrogate.
3. **Screening:** After Parent(s) confirm the match, Agency will complete agency screening (home study, criminal background check), psychological evaluation, as well as medical screening, legal agreements, and all necessary screening needed prior to embryo transfer.
4. **Escrow:** Agency will recommend independent escrow agent(s), (Escrow), to Parent(s), and will update Parent(s) as to when to fund the escrow account, and how much funds to place in escrow account.
5. **Throughout the journey:** Agency will ensure Surrogate is properly reimbursed and compensated by Escrow, per the Compensation Package, and the Gestational Carrier Agreement (GCA) in place. Surrogate to inform Agency and Escrow of reimbursements due that are not a fixed amount in GCA (examples include pharmacy bills, medical bills, etc.). Parent(s) approval will be needed for items that are not a flat fixed fee in the GCA. Parent(s) need to inform Agency if they require any additional assistance during the journey.
6. **Insurance:** Agency will work with Parent(s) and Surrogate to ensure that Health Insurance, Life Insurance and Disability Insurance if applicable, is in place prior to start of medication and embryo transfer.
7. **Embryo Transfer:** Agency will coordinate all plans regarding the medical screening in preparation for the embryo transfer, assist in locating an outside monitoring clinic when necessary, assist with obtaining medication for the Surrogate in preparation for the embryo transfer. Agency will coordinate all plans for the embryo transfer and will keep Parent(s) informed and updated. Parent(s) may attend the embryo transfer in person if they wish. Agency will maintain contact with Parent(s) and Surrogate post-embryo transfer.

8. **Pregnancy:** A pregnancy blood test will be conducted 10-14 days post the embryo transfer to see if the embryo transfer was successful and if pregnancy was achieved. Approximately 4-5 weeks post the embryo transfer, an ultrasound will be conducted to confirm the pregnancy via a fetal heartbeat.
9. **17-18 weeks of pregnancy:** Agency to notify attorneys to commence parentage order proceedings. Agency to inform attorneys that Parent(s), Surrogate, and hospital need certified copies of the parentage order. Agency will retain an electronic copy of the parentage order.
10. **26 weeks of pregnancy:** Agency to confirm with Parent(s), Surrogate, and Hospital that they all received a certified copy of the birth certificate (with Parent(s) receiving 2 copies). Agency to ensure Agency has an electronic copy of birth certificate on file.
11. **26-30 weeks of pregnancy:** Agency to discuss birth plan with Hospital social worker to secure a plan for hospital stay and access for Parent(s) and baby post-delivery, and for Parent(s) to have their own room in the hospital.
12. **26-34 weeks of pregnancy:** Agency to confirm with Parent(s) that Parent(s) travel plans are in place for birth.
13. **Post Birth:** Agency will congratulate everyone on the birth and welcome the baby/babies 😊
14. **1-6 months Post Birth:** Agency to work with Surrogate on submitting all medical bills regarding the surrogacy pregnancy and delivery to Escrow, with Parent(s) approval.
15. **6 months Post Birth:** Agency to confirm that all medical bills have been paid and that Escort account may be closed.

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