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GUIDING HARBOR STEPS OF ADOPTION PROCESS

1. Request for Information & Services
2. Orientation & Preparation
Note: Copies of all household members' birth certificates, marriage license and divorce decrees are needed by Step 4 – Home Assessment
3. Initial Meeting/Office Visit
 - Explain process
 - Ideal child exploration
 - Family network diagram
 - Application and related paperwork
 - Explain subsidy
4. Home Assessment
 - Individual/family interviews/visits
 - Written home assessment
 - Family reviews/signs/gets copy
 - Medicals
 - Police clearances
 - References
5. Matching
 - Team approach=adoption specialist + family
 - Family reviews records
 - Receives written summary
 - Subsidy and consent requested
6. Visitation
 - A personalized visitation plan created and implemented
7. Court
 - Filing
 - Court
8. Supervision
 - Individualized support services for 6 months



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9. Finalization
10. Post Adoption Services (optional)

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