

**GiGi's Playhouse Des Moines
Adoption Sponsorship Program
Consent Form
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Our Mission:

To increase positive awareness of Down syndrome through national campaigns, educational and therapeutic programs, and by empowering individuals with Down syndrome, their families and the community.

GiGi's Playhouse offers more than 25 programs designed by therapists and educators; well versed in best practices for Down syndrome curriculum development.

All therapists and tutors generously provide their services free of charge, and all of GiGi's Playhouse programs are offered free of charge to our individuals and families.

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Applicant Name: _____

1. Purpose.

The undersigned agrees that this application is being made for the purpose of obtaining assistance with international or domestic adoptions. The undersigned further acknowledges that the willingness to accept an application is not any type of acknowledgement or representation on behalf of GiGi's Playhouse Des Moines that assistance will be granted or given.

2. Authorization and Release.

The undersigned hereby authorizes any officer, employee, agent, representative or staff member of GiGi's Playhouse Des Moines to obtain financial or personal information from any institution or individuals including but not limited to those individuals and institutions listed as references and made a part of this application. The undersigned further consents to the release of any information to any authorized GiGi's Playhouse employee or agent from any individual or institution listed on the attached application and list of references.

Adoption Agency: _____

Adoption Agency Contact: _____

Adoption Agency Phone Number: _____

Adoption Agency Email: _____

Case/Social Worker: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

3. Limit of Liability.

The undersigned acknowledges that GiGi's Playhouse Des Moines has made no representation or warranty that the financial aid or assistance will be furnished to the undersigned; and further acknowledges that GiGi's Playhouse Des Moines shall have the sole discretion to accept or deny this application with or without cause. The undersigned further releases and holds GiGi's Playhouse Des Moines from any liability of any type or nature as a result of allowing the undersigned to submit this application.

4. Permission.

The undersigned gives GiGi's Playhouse Des Moines permission to use their story and/or photographs on GiGi's Playhouse's website, and/or printed material, with the purpose of helping families to adopt children with Down syndrome in Iowa.



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5. Support Raising Agreement.

The undersigned parties acknowledge they are freely agreeing to the following terms and conditions as a requirement to participate in the adoption sponsorship program for GiGi's Playhouse Des Moines.

- a) We understand and accept that all funds received are under the ultimate control of the GiGi's Playhouse Des Moines Board of Directors that make all final decisions regarding distributing any funds.
- b) We understand, accept and agree to use any and all funds received by GiGi's Playhouse Des Moines exclusively for legitimate adoption expenses, including but not limited to agency fees, legal fees, etc. We agree to provide verification of adoption related expenses to GiGi's Playhouse upon request.
- c) We understand we may not donate money to GiGi's Playhouse Des Moines towards their own adoption expenses and receive a tax deduction.
- d) We understand that if we decide not to adopt or our adoption is disrupted for any reason we will contact GiGi's Playhouse Des Moines immediately. All funds will be given to other families that need financial support.
- e) We agree to submit proper documentation as requested by GiGi's Playhouse for payment and/or reimbursements of any kind.
- f) We understand that the GiGi's Playhouse Des Moines Adoption Sponsorship Program is available dependent on funding availability in the GiGi's Playhouse Des Moines operating budget.

6. Attachments.

- Picture – Please attach a picture of the child you have been matched with.
- Cover Letter.
- Checklist.
- Application.
- Verification of Address.
- Letter from Adoption Agency.

7. Signatures.

We are providing this information to GiGi's Playhouse Des Moines for their internal and confidential use. All information contained in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Adoptive Parent Date

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GiGi's Playhouse is the only Down Syndrome Achievement Center in the country offering customized, no-fee programming to anyone that wants it. With 16 locations nationwide and growing, all of the core programs are educational and/or therapeutic in nature and created by professional teachers and clinicians. All programs focus on tangible and meaningful outcomes that enhance and improve lives, and promote self-confidence and achievement. At GiGi's Playhouse, we celebrate our individuals and families and turn belief into action. For more information about GiGi's Playhouse Des Moines and the GiGi's Adoption Sponsorship Program please contact us via e-mail at adoptiondesmoines@gigisplayhouse.org.