

Bringing Piper Home



When we decided to adopt from foster care we contacted a number of agencies and were becoming very disillusioned until we were fortunate enough to speak with Julia Stevens.

Julia's sincerity came through from our first conversation. She told us from the outset that



she would always be brutally honest, direct and straightforward. At the time we didn't realize the depth of Julia's experience, and how extremely valuable her knowledge, intuition and counseling would become.

As we inquired on children, Julia was of invaluable assistance following up on our

inquiries, analyzing the children's reports and advising us whether the prospective child would be a good fit for our family or not. The stories behind many of the children were indeed very disturbing and upsetting, and Julia was always available to discuss and help us focus on the positives, or lead us away from situations she did not think would work for our family.

Julia was always available to provide encouragement and emotional support. Despite her warnings, we truly had not expected the ups and downs and the powerful emotions and attachments to children that occur during the process.

After almost 2 years and 170 inquiries across many states, we were becoming disheartened and then beautiful 10 year old Piper was listed. Julia reviewed her case history and Julia's email response was "This one is a Yes!" She proceeded to thoroughly vet Piper's records, worked with Piper's placement team and presented us at the match meeting after we were selected.

Julia worked extremely hard navigating through the complex ICPC process, emailing us late into the night as she discovered needed missing information, prepared the mountain of paperwork and helped us resolve the ICPC issues that arose so we could bring Piper home to Georgia.

We cannot thank Julia enough. We are absolutely thrilled with our new little daughter. Piper is an absolute blessing and a beautiful person inside and out. There is no greater gift than a child, and we have heartfelt thanks and appreciation for her tireless efforts. We finalized a few months ago but Julia still checks in regularly to see how things are going.

We could not have possibly done this without Julia. She puts her entire heart and soul into her work. Julia is not just a caseworker – she has become a very close friend, and as someone who has helped build our family, she is now part of our family too.

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