



# **FAMILY SOURCE CONSULTANTS**

BRINGING DREAMS & MIRACLES TOGETHER





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I had looked into a number of agencies and chose Family Source Consultants based on their professionalism right from the start. This is an excellent organization. They make sure to coordinate through every part of the process. FSC took care of everything with regard to coordination, and there is a lot of that, from travel and hotel to and from the fertility center to making sure everything was ready for the fertility experts to coordinating with legal experts. There were just so many things that they did which make the entire process extremely smooth--and if you have researched this you would know that there can be many things that go wrong. I was speaking with my family today, and they remarked how effortless this process was. Yes, it was from our standpoint, but that was directly because of the truly outstanding work done by FSC. Of course, I am ecstatic with my beautiful little girl, but the experience of bringing her into the world will also be a treasured memory. Thank you, FSC!!

FSC Parents G - New York

# Congratulations!

You've taken one of the first steps in pursuing your dream!

We are honored you are considering Family Source Consultants as your agency. Founded by an Intended Parent, supporting hopeful parents throughout their surrogacy and fertility journeys is a passion for all of us here, and we are thrilled to welcome you to the family.

Gestational Surrogacy and Egg Donation have made it possible for so many people around the world to become parents. Family Source is familiar with the gamut of emotions you are likely experiencing: fear and doubt – yet excitement and hope. You have many choices before you and many decisions to be made.

Where do you start?

We are here to simplify the process for you and to ensure you have the necessary facts to enable you to make informed decisions from this point forward. Every Intended Parent/Surrogate relationship is wholly unique; therefore, it is important for us to develop a clear understanding of your expectations.





## Founded by an Intended Parent, Family Source Consultants is Uniquely Qualified to Guide You on Your Family Building Journey



Above: Staci and her son, Trey

Staci Swiderski is the founder, Chief Executive Officer, and owner of Family Source Consultants (FSC) and her journey in reproductive medicine is deeply personal. As a former intended parent herself, she and her husband welcomed their son via gestational surrogacy in 2005, experiencing firsthand the transformative power of assisted reproduction. Additionally, Staci has played a pivotal role in helping an infertile couple, known as Recipient Parents, build their family by serving as an egg donor. Her selfless donation has resulted in the births of their son and daughter, further cementing her commitment to facilitating the dreams of aspiring parents.

Through her agency, Staci combines her personal experiences with her professional expertise to provide compassionate and comprehensive support to individuals and couples navigating the complexities of third-party reproduction. Her unwavering advocacy for intended parents reflects her deep understanding of the emotional and logistical challenges inherent in the journey to parenthood.

At the heart of our values lies an unwavering dedication to empathy, transparency, and steadfast support, ensuring that each intended parent's unique journey is embraced with respect, comprehensive information, and heartfelt compassion at every step.

Staci's impact extends far beyond the confines of her agency, as she continues to advocate for greater awareness and acceptance of third-party reproduction. Her dedication to ensuring access to safe, ethical, and inclusive reproductive options has earned her global recognition and respect as a leader in third-party reproduction.

### Compassion and Empathy in Action

Driven by her own family-building journey culminating in the birth of her son through gestational surrogacy in 2005, Staci was inspired to offer guidance and support to others navigating similar paths. Grateful for the selfless surrogate who helped complete her family, Staci embarked on a mission to assist other women considering surrogacy or egg donation. With a commitment to compassion, empathy, and individualized care, FSC ensures that every intended parent, surrogate, and egg donor receives top-notch professionalism and world-class service.

### Advice on Choosing the Right Partners

Staci emphasizes the importance of diligence in selecting your reproductive "team" or "partners," including the fertility center, agency, escrow company, and attorney. Trusting in their guidance and expertise is crucial. Staci's team comprises individuals with expertise, firsthand experience, empathy, and a supportive approach. She advises intended parents to have faith and persevere, as the day will come when they hold their beautiful miracle. Staci's message is clear: do not give up, and trust in the process and the team supporting you along the way.

## Intended Parents are at the Heart of Family Source



# Staci Swiderski is a Mother through Surrogacy and a Known (Open) Egg Donor

## Vow to Integrity in Reproductive Medicine

Staci acknowledges the emotional challenges faced by intended parents as they navigate the process of family building through reproductive medicine. Drawing from personal experience and a deep understanding of these struggles, Staci believes she possesses a heightened sense of empathy for those grappling with the decision to trust a stranger with such a delicate and precious journey. Additionally, Staci is a devoted advocate for ethical practices within the reproductive medicine community and her agency. This commitment includes ensuring fair compensation for surrogates and egg donors while maintaining affordability for intended parents, adhering to legal and medical standards, and upholding overall ethical conduct. Staci believes that providing comprehensive support is essential to assist donors, surrogates, and intended parents throughout their respective journeys, ensuring they feel empowered, informed, and cared for every step of the way.

Additionally, Family Source Consultants is committed to ongoing education in industry-related topics, collaborating with experts in the family-building space such as fertility doctors, attorneys, escrow managers, and insurance specialists. This commitment to continuous learning ensures that staff members are equipped with the latest knowledge and insights to better serve clients.

## Ethical Practices and Inclusivity

Staci underlines that third-party reproduction faces nationwide challenges, and any changes to reproductive rights that add barriers to family building or restrict access affect everyone within the industry. To stay informed and advocate for the rights of intended parents, surrogates, and egg donors, Family Source Consultants remains actively engaged with organizations such as the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) and Resolve, The National Infertility Association.

By maintaining close ties with these organizations, Family Source Consultants ensures they remain current with industry challenges and can actively support initiatives aimed at removing barriers to family building for all individuals. This commitment reflects their dedication to promoting inclusivity, accessibility, and ethical practices within the reproductive medicine community.

## The Profound Impact

Staci's dedication to supporting individuals and couples on their family-building journey is rooted in a simple yet profound mission: to spread awareness and advocate for those longing to become parents or expand their families. At Family Source Consultants, they are reminded daily of the realistic and positive outcomes of IVF and third-party reproduction. Whether it's witnessing a birth at the agency, receiving updates from families about their newborns, or receiving heartfelt testimonials from surrogates, donors, or parents, these experiences serve as constant reminders of the meaningful impact they have. Staci believes that their work is more than just a job – it's about bringing dreams and miracles together, making a profound difference in the lives of others.

## Empowering Hopeful Parents

At Family Source Consultants, Staci and the team see themselves as pioneers in creating family-building experiences that go beyond conventional norms. Guided by innovation, compassion, and a firm commitment to the aspirations of hopeful parents, their vision encompasses making surrogacy and egg donation more accessible and affordable.



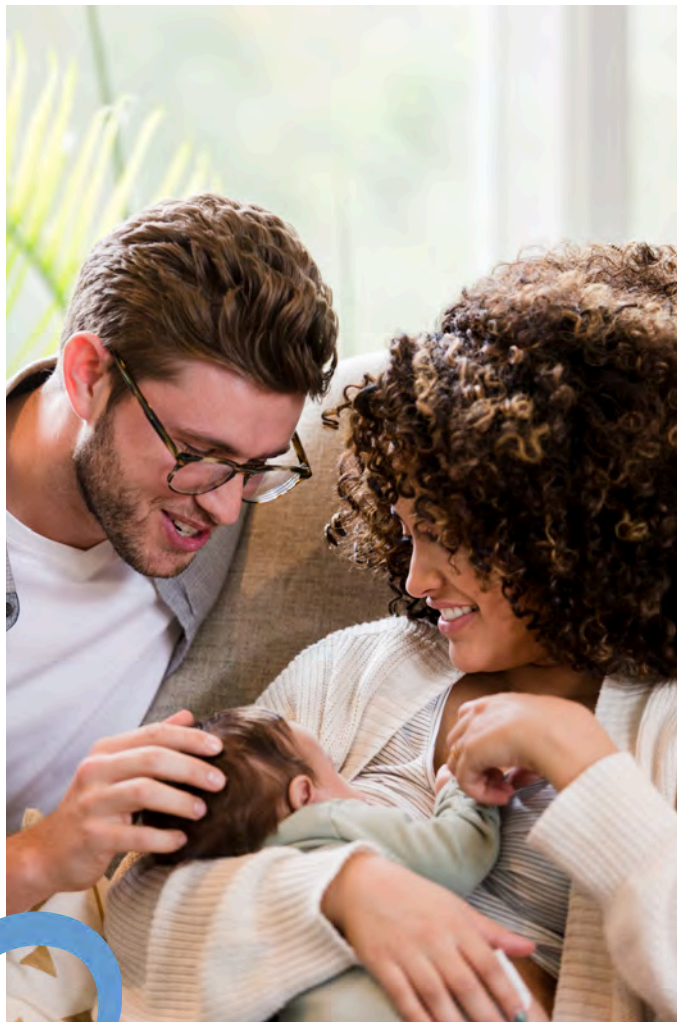
Above: Staci Swiderski at FSC's Orland Park, Illinois office  
Below: Staci, her son Trey, and her husband, John



Staci and her son, Trey, born through surrogacy









# FAMILY SOURCE CONSULTANTS

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“FSC was wonderful. They cared and supported us to make our dream come true.”

FSC Parents  
California”

## WHO WE ARE

Family Source Consultants is a leader in the world of third-party reproduction as a comprehensive international gestational surrogacy and egg donation agency.

Since our founding in January 2007, we have facilitated thousands of reproductive arrangements. With 75% of our compassionate professional staff having personal experience with surrogacy, egg donation, and IVF, we are uniquely qualified to guide our clients through this journey.

With office locations in surrogacy-friendly Chicago and Orland Park, Illinois, and Miami, Florida, FSC coordinates family-building arrangements globally. We proudly serve intended parents worldwide with our multilingual team fluent in English, Mandarin, Japanese, French, German, and Spanish.

## WHAT WE DO



### SURROGACY

Surrogacy is an extremely emotional and intimate experience and we know that making the proper match takes not only skill, but intuition.



### EGG DONATION

We utilize an experienced, comprehensive, and attentive method during the egg donor selection process through egg retrieval and beyond.



### COMPREHENSIVE CARE & SUPPORT

We work to alleviate the pressures all parties are facing and to help make the experience positive and fulfilling for everyone involved.

18	36	75%	98%	300+	1,000+	1,400+
YEARS IN BUSINESS	COUNTRIES WORKED WITH	OF STAFF HAVE PERSONAL EXPERIENCE	SUCCESS RATE WITH FIRST MATCH (IPs/GCs)	CURRENTLY ACTIVE SURROGATES & INTENDED PARENTS	EGG DONORS	BABIES BORN





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Family Source Consultants gave me hope when I had none left. That hope and encouragement kept me going and if I didn't have that, I wouldn't have been able to pick up the pieces and move forward. And because I did, and thanks to FSC, I'm now expecting the greatest gift I've ever been given - a baby girl! I didn't know what to expect and I was so vulnerable at times, but whenever a situation would come up, FSC handled it with professionalism combined with kindness and warmth, which always put my mind at ease.

FSC Parent Abby - Illinois



# Surrogacy Services

Family Source Consultants provides a non-biased liaison service for intended parents and surrogates.

At FSC, our goal is to encourage communication throughout the process and ensure a positive and healthy relationship between all parties involved.

When you partner with FSC, you are choosing to work with a passionate and dedicated group of professionals who are uniquely qualified to provide assistance in every facet of creating a family using assisted and third-party reproduction techniques.

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Family Source Consultants (FSC) made it obvious from my very first interaction with them that they were in the business of creating families for all the right reasons. They had the same goal as me and helped guide me through all parts of the process. From application to finding the most amazing Intended Parents and even being a support system and guiding light throughout the journey, FSC was a dream to work with.

Surrogate Samantha - Illinois

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# Surrogate Requirements

Prospective surrogates must meet all of the following requirements with our agency.

Be a resident of the United States

Be between the ages of 21-44

Be healthy overall

Be height-weight proportionate

Have at least one child

Have experienced a full-term pregnancy and delivery

Be in a stable living situation

Have the support of her spouse or partner (when applicable)

Not smoke or take illegal drugs

Be willing to take medications via injection (when instructed by doctor)

Not have any psychiatric illness

Enjoy pregnancy and be motivated by the wish and desire to help Intended Parents create or add to their family

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Family Source Consultants was a great help along our journey! Another surrogate I know recommended them to me and they were so much more responsive than the other agencies I had contacted, which is why I decided to move forward with them. I am so glad I did as it has been a great journey.

Surrogate Stephanie – Colorado



# Screening Process

Prospective surrogates and their partner/spouse have been carefully prescreened by our agency.

Screening Includes:

Application and thorough questionnaire

Interview with Family Source

Letter of consent from her Obstetrician

Psychological Evaluation

Pregnancy history and medical record review

Clear background check results

Major medical insurance review

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From the initial application, to being sent profiles to look at, to being matched, and all the steps that led up to and after the transfer throughout my pregnancy and after, I have always felt that I am not in this process alone. All throughout my journey, no matter if I had a question about what I needed to do next, or if I needed advice, or an ear to listen to me when I was frustrated about something, my case coordinator was always there for me. She went above and beyond helping me get all necessary information for each step of the journey, even for reminders on things that were upcoming, and even now, continuing to check on me after I had the twins, it has always felt sincere and heartfelt. I know not every journey is smooth sailing or easy, but having her to be my guide was the best thing!

Surrogate Abbie – California



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Thank you to the team at FSC for not only helping bring our beautiful baby boy into the world, but also for introducing us to our surrogate. She will be family for life, and we wouldn't have met had it not been for FSC's matching program. We appreciate the care, concern, and advocacy for us along the way. You can't go wrong with this agency!

FSC Parents T&Z - Illinois



# Financial Information

Family Source provides non-biased liaison services for your surrogacy journey.

Amounts shown are estimated examples of what Intended Parents may expect.

Exact costs will vary with every Surrogate.

Please note that all fees are subject to change without notice. While we make every effort to provide you the most accurate, up-to-date fee information, some fees and expenses may vary.

Agency fees are non-refundable and subject to change; fees will be honored for up to 30 days from consultation date.



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You have been so incredibly supportive throughout our entire journey, and you brought us great comfort being by our side each step of the way. We can't thank you enough for the care and dedication you've extended to Sarah (our Surrogate) and ourselves. The first two weeks of parenthood have been so amazing, but very busy as well (as I'm sure you know)! We have always wanted to be parents and this journey has been so special for us. We're very happy with our experience, and you matched us with the perfect surrogate. Sarah is so strong, thoughtful, and inspiring. We will forever treasure her in our hearts, and we plan to stay in contact with her moving forward. She's an angel to us. FSC, you've been so awesome! Your helpful/encouraging emails, thoughtful birthday cards, and adorable gift (the onesie) has meant so much to us. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

FSC Parents J&D - New York





## SURROGACY PROGRAM COMPARISON FOR INTENDED PARENTS

	Standard Program	Fixed Program
Surrogate Recruitment and Screening	✓	✓
Personalized Mutual Matching	✓	✓
Case Management	✓	✓
Mental Health Support (Intended Parents/Surrogate)	✓	✓
Monthly In-Person & Online Surrogate Support Meetings & Online Support Group	✓	✓
Professional Review of Surrogate's Health Insurance	✓	✓
Referrals to Third-Party Professionals (Attorney, Fertility Clinic, Escrow, etc.)	✓	✓
Surrogate Wellness & Milestone Gifts	✓	✓
Legal Expenses (Intended Parents/Surrogate)		✓
Escrow Management Costs		✓
Surrogate Base Compensation		✓
Start of Injectable Medication Fee & Embryo Transfer Fee		✓
Surrogate & Companion Travel Expenses		✓
Surrogate & Companion Lost Wages & Bedrest		✓
Variable Surrogate Compensation (C-Section Delivery, Invasive Procedure, etc.)		✓
Variable Surrogate Expenses (Life Insurance, Monthly Allowance, maternity clothes allowance, childcare, etc.)		✓



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Everyone at FSC is wonderful. Each person that I've worked with has been thoughtful and always goes above and beyond every time. I've had the pleasure of working with Nicole for a few donations, and she always treats me like a good friend, checks in with me, and makes sure I have everything I need. I would recommend her and anyone else at FSC to all my friends and family interested in IVF.

FSC Egg Donor, Washington



## STANDARD SURROGACY PROGRAM COSTS

### AGENCY FEE

Our fee encompasses services designed to ensure a seamless surrogacy journey. We locate and screen qualified surrogate candidates, facilitate meetings between you and potential surrogates, coordinate with other surrogacy professionals, and provide ongoing support to all parties. Furthermore, we offer specialized post-birth management to assist with any needs post birth, ensuring a smooth transition into parenthood.

First Agency Fee (due upon registration)	\$16,000
Second Agency Fee (due upon acceptance of surrogate)	\$20,000
<b>Agency Fee</b>	<b>\$36,000</b>

### SURROGATE NON-MEDICAL SCREENING FEE

This one-time fee includes essential services such as the Intended Parent's and Surrogate's background check, the Surrogate's (and partners, if applicable) psychological evaluation, medical records collection, coordination with the fertility clinic for Surrogate approval, and pre-match health insurance review.

<b>Non-Medical Screening Fee</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
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### LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Intended Parent(s) are responsible for their attorney fees and those of the Gestational Surrogate. Legal fees are estimates only, based on industry standards.

Escrow Management Fee (paid directly to the escrow company at match)	\$1,850
U.S. Intended Parent and Surrogate Legal Counsel	~\$13,000
<b>Legal and Administrative Fees</b>	<b>~\$14,850</b>

### SURROGATE COMPENSATION

Base Compensation	\$50,000
Experienced Surrogate Fee (not included in estimate)	~\$10,000
Initial Medical Clearance Payment	\$1,500
Start of Injectable Medication Payment	\$2,000
Embryo Transfer Payment	\$2,500
Monthly Allowance of \$300 (estimated for 12 months)	\$3,600
Maternity Clothes Allowance	\$1,000
<b>Base Surrogate Compensation</b>	<b>\$60,600</b>

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## STANDARD SURROGACY PROGRAM COSTS CONTINUED

### SURROGATE MEDICAL BILLS AND INSURANCE

Intended Parent(s) are responsible for all pregnancy, prenatal, and delivery-related medical fees not covered by insurance, such as copays, deductibles, coinsurance, and monthly premiums. The insurance costs will vary depending on the insurance policy and medical circumstances.

Surrogate Life Insurance Premium (\$500,000 benefit policy)	\$500
Surrogate Health Insurance / Pregnancy & Delivery Expenses	~\$10,000 - \$32,000
Professional Review of Surrogate's Existing Health Insurance Policy	\$500
Health Insurance Market Search	\$500
<b>Surrogate Medical Bills and Insurance</b>	<b>~\$11,500 -\$33,500</b>

### VARIABLE SURROGATE EXPENSES

Reimbursement costs are based on the surrogate's actual expenses and may be verified through receipts, proof of income, and/or a doctor's letter. Expenses are per surrogate.

Surrogate Lost Wages	Varies
Childcare All costs associated with childcare prior to pregnancy in relation to medical and monitoring appointments, as well as travel for medical clearance and embryo transfer.	Varies
Travel All costs associated with medical screening and embryo transfer, including mileage, airfare, hotel, parking, meal allowance, etc.	Varies
Bedrest Reimbursements If applicable, lost wages, childcare, and additional housekeeping.	Varies

### VARIABLE SURROGATE COMPENSATION

Cesarean Delivery Fee	\$2,500
Multiples Fee (per additional child)	\$8,000
Invasive Procedure Fee (per procedure) Examples include hysteroscopy, amniocentesis, dilation, and curettage, etc.)	\$500
Loss of Reproductive Organs (partial – ovary, ovaries, and/or fallopian tubes)	\$5,000
Loss of Reproductive Organs (total hysterectomy)	\$10,000
Breast Milk Per week, plus supplies.	\$300

*This estimate does not include health insurance or medical expenses for your newborn, any IVF fertility clinic costs including egg donor fees and expenses, embryo creation, testing, and storage, and surrogate IVF cycle preparation, medication, and outside monitoring.*

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## FIXED JOURNEY PROGRAM

Our Fixed Journey Program provides financial protection against unforeseen challenges, ensuring you can focus on what truly matters: building your family. This all-inclusive package covers every aspect of the surrogacy journey, offering peace of mind with no hidden fees or surprises. From the medical accounting support management to surrogate compensation and travel arrangements, every detail is meticulously managed. With our most extensive and risk-free surrogacy program, you can embark on your family building journey with confidence and security, knowing that we are dedicated to making your dream of parenthood a reality.

**Trust us to handle the complexities while you cherish the moments that truly count.**

SERVICES PROVIDED	COST
<b>Registration Phase – First Payment</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agency Fee Retainer</li> <li>Surrogate Non-Medical Screening</li> </ul>	
<b>Amount Due Upon Execution of FSC Intended Parent Service Agreement</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>
<b>Acceptance Phase – Second Payment</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surrogate Expenses, Medical Screening, and Support</li> <li>Agency Fee</li> <li>Escrow Management Fee</li> </ul>	
<b>Amount Due Upon Acceptance of Gestational Surrogate</b>	<b>\$32,250</b>
<b>Medical Clearance Phase – Third Payment</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surrogate Compensation*, Incidentals, and Monitoring</li> </ul> <p><small>*Includes \$50,000 Surrogate Base Compensation</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U.S. Legal Expenses</li> <li>Surrogate Insurance Expenses</li> </ul>	
<b>Amount Due Upon Gestational Surrogate Medical Clearance</b>	<b>\$99,750</b>
<b>Total Cost for Fixed Surrogacy Program</b>	<b>\$155,000</b>

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## FIXED JOURNEY PROGRAM CONTINUED

### FIXED SURROGACY PROGRAM INCLUDES

Surrogate and Intended Parent psychological evaluations and mental health support
Criminal background investigation (surrogate and partner, and intended parent(s))
Matching process and unlimited rematching
Management of surrogacy journey
Legal fees for the surrogate and intended parent(s)
Medical accounting support and management
Local monitoring
Surrogate expenses and incidentals (i.e., medication start fee, c-section, embryo transfer fee, maternity clothes, etc.
Surrogate base compensation of \$50,000
Surrogate monthly allowance of \$300 a month for 12 months
Bedrest, Housekeeping, Lost Wages, Childcare, etc.
Travel expenses for surrogate and partner/companion
Insurance (review of current policy/search for placement, life, IVF complications, loss of reproductive organs, short-term disability)

### NOT INCLUDED IN THE FIXED SURROGACY PROGRAM

Double Embryo Transfer <i>Additional \$17,000 due upon medical clearance.</i>
Additional Surrogate Compensation <i>Based on location, experience, upon request, ~\$10,000-\$15,000 due upon medical clearance.</i>
Fertility Center Expenses <i>IVF expenses, i.e., creation of embryos, embryo transfers, medications, medical screening and outside monitoring, etc. Estimated \$9,000 - \$20,000+ with existing embryos; \$25,000 - \$60,000 with creation of embryos.</i>
Medical Health and Maternity Insurance for Surrogate <i>Estimated \$10,000 - \$32,000.</i>
Newborn Insurance and Expenses <i>Estimated \$6,000 - \$30,000.</i>
Breast Milk <i>Estimated \$300 per week plus supplies.</i>

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## EGG DONOR PROGRAM

**At Family Source, we understand the importance of this journey and we are here to support you with compassion and transparency.**

Actual costs may vary.

<b>Family Source Consultants Professional Fee</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due upon reservation of donor</li> </ul>	
Donor Compensation	\$10,000 minimum*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amount will vary based on prior experiences, location, and ethnicity.</li> </ul>	
Donor Mental Health Evaluation	Included in Agency Fee
Attorney: Egg Donor, review of legal contract	\$500 - \$750
Attorney: Intended (Recipient) Parent, preparation of legal contract	\$1,000 - \$1200+
Escrow Management Service	\$400
Donor Insurance	\$300 - \$350
AMH Screening	Included in Agency Fee
Travel and Incidentals (will vary based on location)	
Possible fees associated with travel include mileage, parking, airfare, hotel accommodations, meal allowance, travel companion for egg retrieval, etc.	\$1,000 - \$6,000+

\*If the donor does not receive medical clearance from the intended parent(s) fertility center, the agency fee paid will be applied towards the selection of a new donor or receive a partial refund.

Intended Parent(s) can hold an egg donor for up to three business days, after which, an agency agreement must be signed to move forward, and payment received within five business days.

\*\*The Egg Donor's compensation, as well as incidentals, i.e., travel expenses, etc. are held in escrow. The egg donor compensation combined with incidental funds are due within five (5) business days upon receipt of egg donor medical clearance from the recipient parents' fertility center.

\*\*\*The Egg Donor's health/life insurance policy includes a \$250,000 accidental medical expenses benefit, a \$100,000 accidental death benefit, and additional benefits for travel accidents, paralysis, and disability.

**We accept agency fee payments via major cards (American Express, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover), Zelle, personal/bank checks, or wire.**

*Agency fees are non-refundable\* and subject to change; fees will be honored for up to 30 days from initial date of contact.*



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We are forever thankful to everyone at FSC especially our Case Coordinator - thank you for all your guidance and positivity. Another big thank you to our Surrogate who is an amazing woman. Hands down we would recommend FSC to anyone that is thinking of surrogacy. They are great at making dreams come true!!!!

FSC Parents K&J - California & China



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Our entire experience with FSC was nothing short of spectacular! You all did everything you promised and were always available to help at any time. From answering questions to coordinating things for us to just giving advice when we felt overwhelmed we could not be more grateful for FSC and the professional level of service you all provide. Let me say what a gem you have in case coordinators. I can not say enough great things about ours and I'm so glad we got to work with our case coordinator. I would highly recommend this company to anyone just solely based on our case coordinator! I also find the online communication and information your agency has very helpful as well as the webinars etc. you guys are definitely a class act. Our surrogate who has had several other journeys in the past refused to work with any other agency. Her exact words were "I have done lots of research in agencies and have used different ones before. This agency is by far the best" and I could not agree more. Thanks for the job well done. We are so proud to have our family grow with your help!

FSC Parents D&J - Florida







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My husband and I researched endlessly to find the best agency for our needs and we are so happy with our choice. We had a great experience that ended with our beautiful twins roughly in line with what we expected cost wise. Wishing everyone luck on their own journeys to parenthood. It's worth the wait and work!

FSC Parents C&F - New Hampshire



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **What are the laws regarding surrogacy in the United States and worldwide?**

Family Source Consultants accepts surrogates who reside in the United States into our program. Currently, no nationwide law governs surrogacy in the United States; each state has its specific surrogacy laws. Even if Intended Parents reside in a state or country where surrogacy or “paid surrogacy” is considered illegal or the laws are undefined, they can still pursue surrogacy to build their family. Intended Parents will be matched with a Surrogate who resides and will deliver in a “surrogacy-friendly” state.

Surrogacy laws in the United States and around the world are continually evolving. To ensure compliance and legal security, Family Source Consultants is pleased to recommend Intended Parents to a reputable collaborative reproduction attorney who can provide professional legal counsel. While Family Source Consultants can assist in determining the surrogacy laws applicable in your particular state, we are not qualified to offer legal advice. Therefore, when working with our agency, you will be referred to a reputable collaborative reproduction attorney who can provide you with the necessary professional legal counsel. This ensures that all parties are fully informed and protected throughout surrogacy.

## **In What States is Surrogacy Legal?**

Gestational surrogacy agreements are legal in 49 states. In the U.S., individual states have the power to determine the legality of surrogacy agreements and surrogate compensation. These nuances become even more complicated due to the ever-changing nature of these laws. Currently, Louisiana is the only state where compensated surrogacy is illegal.

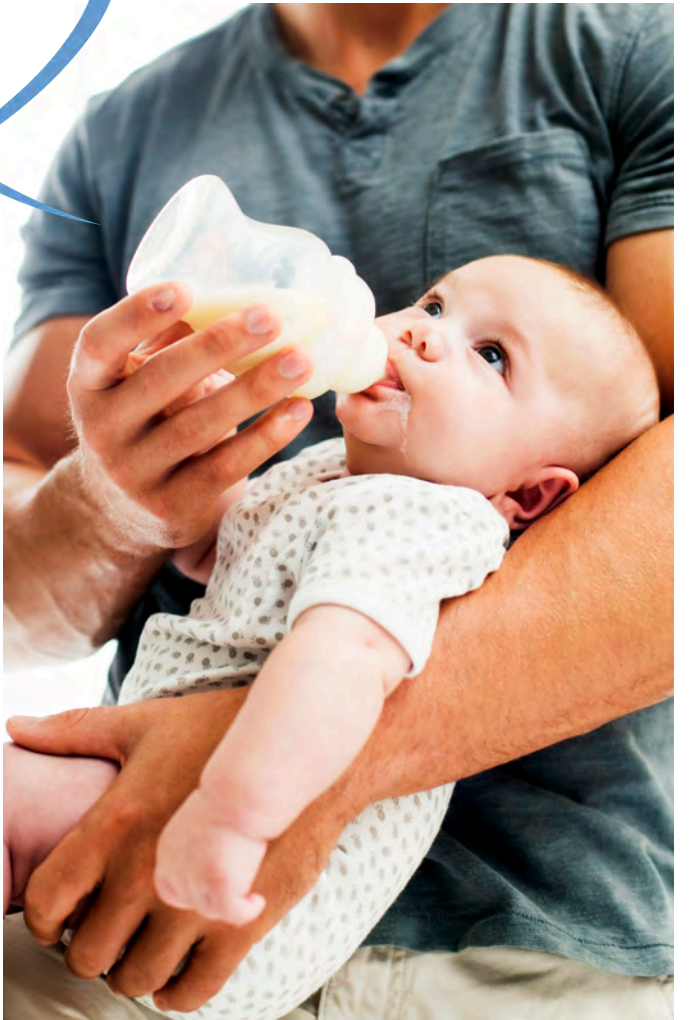
## **Do I need Help from a Reproductive Lawyer?**

Yes. Enlisting the help of a reproductive lawyer is extremely important. Intended parents often turn to surrogacy attorneys for help navigating the gestational surrogacy journey, including how to approach surrogacy legality in all 50 states, and obtaining parentage rights by a court parentage order. Family Source is happy to recommend you to a reputable reproductive attorney.

## **What if I'm not affiliated with a reproductive endocrinologist yet?**

Family Source is pleased to recommend reputable fertility centers for your consideration.







# SURROGACY TERMS & ACRONYMS



## **BETA**

A blood test that is used to determine whether your surrogate is pregnant. It's typically done approximately 10 days after an embryo transfer. It measures levels of hormones (hCG) that indicate pregnancy. If the test confirms a pregnancy, your surrogate will get further blood tests to make sure that the hCG-levels in the blood are rising as expected for a successful pregnancy.

## **BLASTOCYST**

The last stage of development an embryo must reach before it is implanted in the uterine wall. Typically, embryos will reach this stage at 5 or 6 days after fertilization.

## **CYCLE**

The schedule of medications that your surrogate will be directed to take by your fertility clinic, in order to prepare her body for the embryo transfer

## **DET**

Double Embryo Transfer, transferring two embryos at the same time.

## **DIRECT AGREEMENT OR DA**

The legal agreement between a surrogate and the Intended Parent(s) which covers all aspects of the surrogacy journey. It often includes parentage intentions, financial responsibilities, compensation, health and life insurance options and agreements between all parties regarding the potential reduction and/or termination of the pregnancy. The DA is typically drafted and filed in the state your surrogate lives, and is legal enforceable.

## **DPT**

Days post transfer; or the number of days post embryo transfer.

## **ED**

Egg Donor

## **EGG RETRIEVAL**

The procedure to remove eggs from the Intended Mother or Egg Donor,, which will be fertilized with sperm and grown into embryos.

# SURROGACY TERMS & ACRONYMS

## **FET**

Frozen Embryo Transfer. The process of thawing a frozen embryo (an already fertilized and frozen egg) and transferring it into a surrogate. While sometimes Fresh embryo transfers occur (where the embryo is implants 5 or 6 days after fertilization), generally surrogacy journeys are all FETs. Studies indicate that there is a higher success rate using frozen embryos versus fresh.

## **GS / GC**

Gestational Surrogate / Gestational Carrier (can be used interchangeably)

## **IF**

Intended Father

## **IM**

Intended Mother

## **IP or IPs**

Intended Parent or Parents. An individual or couple who, for any reason, cannot or should not conceive or carry a child and have chosen to work with a surrogate to build their family.

## **IVF**

In Vitro Fertilization

## **MOCK CYCLE**

A transfer cycle where no embryo transfer is actually planned. This may happen if your doctor would like to ensure that your surrogate's body reacts as expected to the medications.

## **PGD / PGT-M / PGT-SR**

Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis and Screening. Testing embryos prior to a transfer to identify if it carries a specific disease. These tests are usually only carried out when there is a high, or known, risk of having a child with a serious genetic condition. There are over 300 diseases that can be tested for through these.



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## **PGS/PGT-A**

Pre-Genetic Screening/Preimplantation Genetic testing. General testing conducted on the genes or chromosomes of embryos prior to a transfer to look for any mutations which could indicate diseases and/or abnormalities. The test involves removing a sample of cells (a process known as a biopsy) from the part of the embryo that makes the placenta. Results can include:

- Euploid = an embryo showing the correct number of chromosomes (46)
- Aneuploid = too many or too few chromosomes
- Mosaic = mixture of both normal and abnormal cells
- No result = there was not enough DNA obtained to provide a sufficient sample

## **POST BIRTH ORDER**

Court issued documents put in place shortly after the baby is born, naming the biological and/or Intended Parent(s) as the legal parents. It will typically replace the surrogate's name with the Intended Parents' name(s) on the newborn's birth certificate. The timeline and process for receiving a post-birth order will vary by state.

## **PRE BIRTH ORDER**

Courtissued documents put in place before a baby is born, naming the biological/intended parent(s) as the legal parents. This will often happen in either the second or third trimester, timings and process vary by state. This means that the Intended Parents are the legal parents of the baby even before birth.

## **RE**

Reproductive Endocrinologist, a doctor who specializes in treating infertility.

## **SET**

Single (one or 1) embryo transfer.

## **SCREENING**

To ensure that your gestational surrogate is physically and emotionally able to carry a baby, she (and her partner) will be screened by your fertility clinic, a psychologist, and a criminal background check conducted.



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We want to sincerely thank you for connecting us with our surrogate. She is so special and dear to us and we cannot begin to thank her enough for the gift she provided us. She is a Saint with a heart bigger than the world. We could NOT have asked for a better surrogate and we now feel as though we have a friend for life. You offer a wonderful service and I wish you great success in connecting people for this special journey. And it is a long journey where the end justifies the means – especially since the end is just the beginning!

FSC Parents M&S – Minnesota



A close-up photograph of a baby's face, focusing on the mouth and chin. The baby's hands are clasped together near the mouth. The skin is smooth and pinkish, and the lighting is soft and warm.

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Our egg donor/embryo creation experience was nothing shy of miraculous. Starting with our client relations manager who went beyond the call of duty in patience and persistence, to our case manager, who steered us confidently, reassuringly, and professionally through the entire egg donor process. We owe a special debt of gratitude to our case coordinator for always being calm and taking on the stress, so we wouldn't have to experience it!

FSC Parents J&T - Arizona

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