



# The Process

Our process is designed to ensure that you have all of the information you need for each stage of your journey.



## 1. Sign On with WSS

When you sign on with WSS, you'll submit two very important documents: the Intended Parent(s) Profile and the WSS Comprehensive Retainer. At sign-on, you'll also pay the first half of the agency fee and you will immediately have a welcome call with the Intended Parent Director to go over next steps.



## 2. Choose Your Fertility Clinic

If you haven't chosen one yet, now is the time to find the fertility clinic that's right for you. In the meantime, our team will begin the search for a right-fit surrogate based on your one-of-a-kind preferences and experience.



## 3. Meet with Social Worker

A licensed social worker will meet with you for an evaluation focused on your readiness for the surrogacy journey. During this meeting, the social worker will also provide education and discuss topics that may arise before, during, and after the surrogacy process.



## 4. Receive Your Surrogate Profile

Once we find a potential match, you'll receive a profile for review. If you're interested, our team will discuss in-depth details about the candidate with you so you can make an informed decision, and her medical records will then go to your IVF clinic for review. If you are not interested, we will continue showing you surrogate profiles.



## 5. Meet Your Surrogate

When you and your chosen surrogate candidate mutually approve of each other's profiles, and the IVF clinic has approved her records (this can take 2-4 weeks) we will then set up a video call so you can get to know each other, and decide if you'd like to match.



## 6. It's a Match!

If the introductory meeting goes well and all parties decide to move forward, it's officially a match! At this point, the second-half of the agency fee is due as well as your initial escrow deposit. You will be introduced to your coordinator as well as our insurance specialist to discuss your surrogate's health and life insurance as well as optional coverages offered by ART Risk.



## 7. Testing Appointment

Your clinic will contact both you and your surrogate to proceed with screening, including a medical examination of your surrogate in addition to blood work for her spouse, live-in partner, or significant other. (We'll arrange travel for your surrogate if you request it.)



## 8. After the Testing Appointment

After the testing, the clinic will notify everyone of the final clearance and provide a medical calendar that outlines your surrogate's medical protocol, ultrasound dates, etc., as well as the dates for the medication regimen in preparation for the embryo transfer.



## 9. Contract Phase

An initial contract will be drafted and sent to you for review. Upon approval, the contract will be sent to the surrogate for review and approval. Negotiations take place, then the contract is finalized and executed.



## 10. Legal Clearance is Sent

Once the contracts are signed and escrow has been fully funded, legal clearance will be sent to your fertility clinic. Their team will then get in touch with your surrogate to set up a testing appointment.



## 11. Fund the Escrow

You will need to fund your surrogate's base compensation plus additional funds as per your Comprehensive Retainer.



## 12. Embryo Transfer

After the embryo transfer, our team will continue to monitor and supervise progress of your surrogacy journey to ensure everything is going smoothly, answering any and all questions along the way.



## 13. Establish Legal Parentage

During the pregnancy, our team will coordinate the pre-birth or post-birth order with the attorney in the state where your surrogate resides. We'll also coordinate all legal matters surrounding the birth certificate to establish your legal parentage.



## 14. Birth Planning

We provide birth planning services to help coordinate preferences, communication, and logistics with the hospital and care team, ensuring everyone feels prepared and supported for delivery.



## 15. Welcome Your Baby

There is no greater joy in life outside of meeting your child for the first time. Once your surrogate delivers, you're ready to start life with this miraculous new addition to your family!