

# National Adoption Month November Office of Work-Life Programs

*Fulfill Your Desire and a Child's Hope for a Family and Home to Call Their Own*



## ***Adoption Reimbursement Program***

**Who is Eligible for this Program?** The Adoption Reimbursement Program is available to the following members of Team Coast Guard:

- ❖ **Active Duty Coast Guard**
- ❖ **Coast Guard Reservists on active duty for at least 180 days**

Note: All other member of Team Coast Guard, while not eligible for reimbursement, are encouraged to use the National Adoption Directory web site provided below to assist in obtaining adoption information.

**Purpose of Program** For members of the Coast Guard, the intention of The Adoption Reimbursement Program is to subsidize adoption expenses for children under 18 years of age.

**Program Confidentiality** Discussions of the Adoption Reimbursement Program are used for reviewing, approving, accounting, and disbursing of adoption reimbursements. All discussions between a member using the Adoption Reimbursement Program and the Adoption Reimbursement Program Manager are confidential, with the exception of government audits, to determine appropriate use of government funding.

### **Services and Resources Available**

- ❖ **National Foster Care & Adoption Directory** (formerly the National Adoption Directory) - The National Foster Care & Adoption Directory provides national adoption resources along with adoption related information specific for each State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.
- ❖ **Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Grant or Loan** -- <http://www.cgmahq.org/programs/adoption.html>

The following reference below provides details of the Adoption Reimbursement program **Reimbursement of Adoption Expenses COMDTINST 1754.9B**:

- ❖ **Point of Contact** The Family Resource Specialist, (FRS) on your **Regional Work-Life Staff is, Ms. Kristine Rutland-Cooper**. Contact number: **510 437-3881** or e-mail: **Kristine.E.Rutland-Cooper@uscg.mil**

If additional assistance is required, please contact Office of Work-Life HQ at **HQS-SMB-**

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