

ASRM Guidelines: Does your agency match up?

The American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) provides several guidelines for screening and testing potential surrogates to reduce the possibility of complications. ConceiveAbilities knows that surrogacy is complex, which is why we offer a full-service professional management team in-house to help both surrogates and intended parents navigate this journey. We go above and beyond the ASRM guidelines to ensure the highest level of quality, innovation and care.

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Surrogates have a right to be fully informed of the risks of the surrogacy process and of a pregnancy.	ConceiveAbilities meets with all surrogates upon completion and approval of an in-depth application to discuss each aspect of the process. Reproductive/gynecological records are reviewed and discussed by a nurse on staff. Per ASRM specifications, our surrogates are at least 21 years of age, healthy, have a stable social environment and have had at least one pregnancy that resulted in a delivery of a child whom they are parenting.
Surrogates should receive psychological evaluation and counseling.	We conduct a full mental health evaluation, including Personality Assessment Inventory testing, as well as a home evaluation. Surrogates also take part in monthly psychological support groups led by licensed mental health professionals for the duration of the process.
Surrogates should have independent legal counsel.	Knowledgeable and specialized legal representation is crucial. Our legal team assists surrogates in retaining the counsel of attorneys with a high level of expertise and experience in the field, making sure mutual concerns and expectations are fully disclosed and agreed upon by all parties.
Reasonable economic compensation to the surrogate is ethical.	Surrogates are compensated appropriately for their time and effort in their journey. Our surrogates receive a compensation package with additional compensation for variables such as previous experience as a surrogate, number of transfers, carrying multiples and bed rest. Surrogates also undergo a credit and background check to confirm financial stability.
The intended parents are considered to be the psychosocial parents of any children born by a surrogate.	ConceiveAbilities surrogates have already given birth to at least one child, and considered their pregnancy to be relatively easy. Surrogates are compassionate women who have completed their own family building, but instead desire to provide a unique gift to another family. Throughout the journey, they have access to psychological and emotional support, independent legal counsel and fair compensation. This lays the groundwork for a smooth, successful surrogacy arrangement for all parties involved.

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