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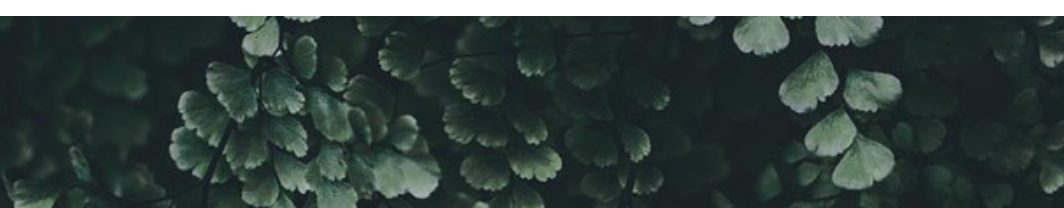
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Guide to Surrogacy

BECOMING A SURROGATE



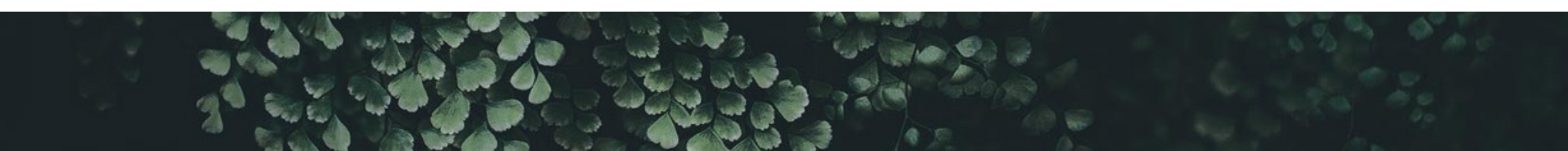


Welcome to the World of Surrogacy

We're thrilled that you're interested in becoming a surrogate. Canada offers a supportive and regulated environment for surrogacy, ensuring the well-being of everyone involved.

Whether you're motivated by the desire to help others or wishing to begin a rewarding journey, we are here to guide you through the process and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for considering this incredible opportunity to make a positive impact on someone's life.





Surrogacy & You

Becoming a surrogate is an extraordinary way to make a profound difference in someone's life. By carrying a baby for a couple or individual who cannot conceive on their own, you're giving them an opportunity to experience the joy of having their own precious child.

This journey is a unique opportunity for personal growth, forging lifelong connections, and making a lasting impact that can transcend generations. Surrogates in our program have described their experience as deeply fulfilling and comparable to the joy of having their own children.





Testimonial



I am so happy with my surrogacy journey with CFC. The staff have been so wonderful and supportive. I was matched with the most incredible intended parents that now have a healthy, beautiful baby boy. They are family now!

I'm looking forward to another journey with CFC.

Elizabeth

Surrogate with CFC



Qualifications

Let's make sure you meet the basic requirements for surrogates in Canada:

- You are between the ages of 21 to 45.
- You have a healthy pregnancy history and given birth to at least one child.
- You are nicotine-free and live in a smoke-free household.
- You do not use recreational drugs.
- You are committed to refraining from consuming alcohol throughout the duration of the pregnancy.
- You are willing to undergo a medical and physiological assessment.
- You are fully committed to the surrogacy process.



Things to Consider

Intended Parents

What type of intended parents would you like to carry for? They could be single, heterosexual, gay/queer, local or international.

Medical Abnormality

What are your views on termination, if a medical abnormality during pregnancy is detected?

Travel

Clinics that perform IVF are often in major city centres. Are you willing to travel for the IVF process?

Contact

Many intended parents hope for a lasting connection with their surrogate. What type of relationship would you like during and after the surrogacy?

Birth

Sharing this magical moment—it's your call! Would you be comfortable with the parents being present during the birth of their child?

Support

A pregnancy with IVF can, on occasion, be high risk. Do you have support to go on bed rest if needed?





The First Steps

We aim to provide you with information, guide you through the process and match you with intended parents who are ready to share this remarkable chapter with you.

We are genuinely excited to delve into your expectations and uncover the unique story you wish to create through your surrogacy journey.





MATCHING

We will send you biographies and videos of intended parents in our program based on what you've told us you are looking for in a match. You tell us who you'd like to meet!

SCREENING

Typically, your screening will begin with a video call with a nurse practitioner and a psychologist, and end with an in-person medical appointment with the fertility doctor your intended parents are working with. Cost of travel and expenses will be covered by your intended parents.



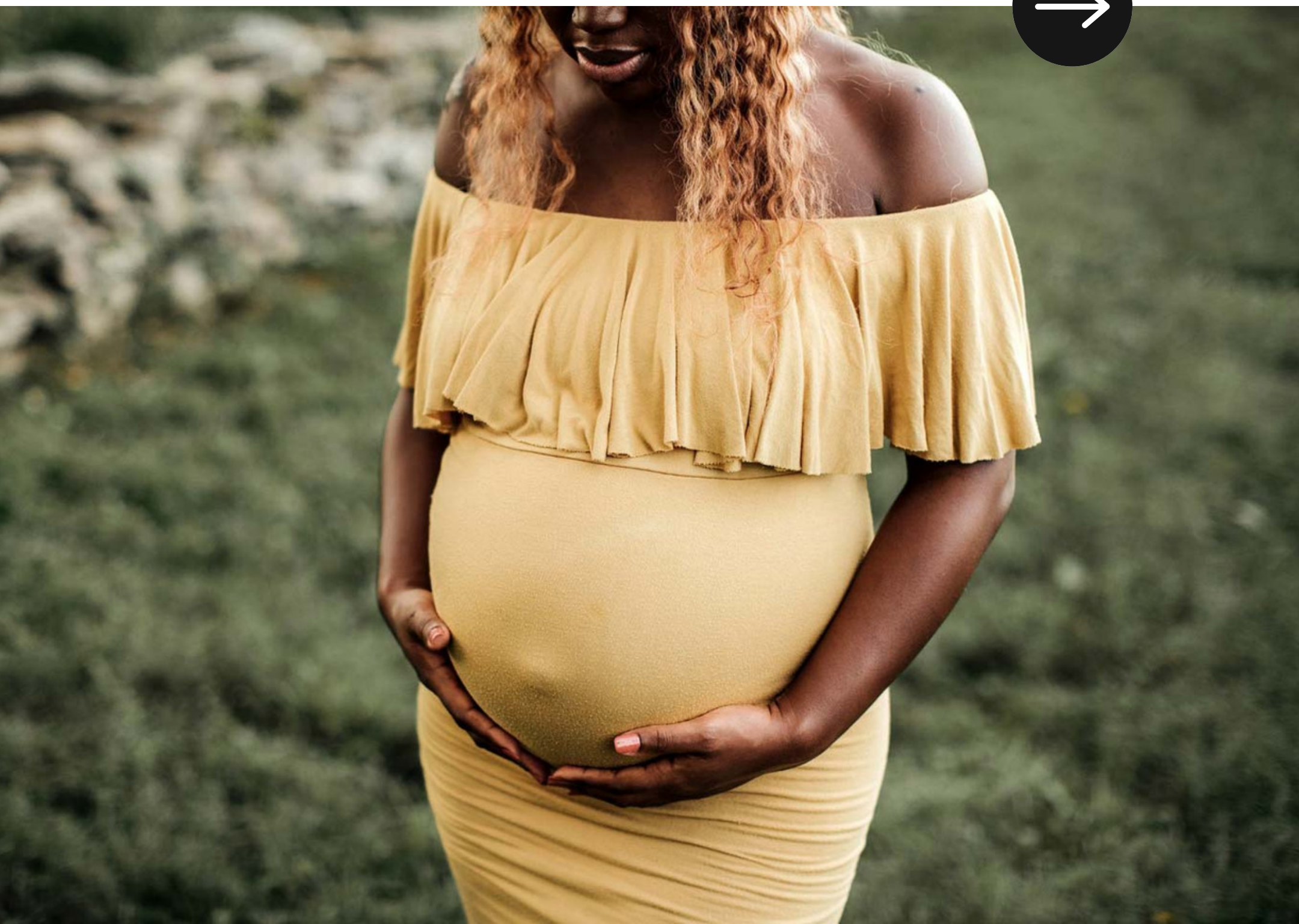


SURROGACY AGREEMENT

You will have a lawyer review the legal contract prepared by your intended parents' lawyer. There should be no surprises, as you will likely have discussed your birth preferences, cost of bed rest, lost wages, and termination values with our staff ahead of time.

MEDICATIONS

Each fertility clinic will have its own protocols. You will be required to follow a cycle calendar which has been specifically created for your transfer.





EMBRYO TRANSFER

The fertility clinic will set up the embryo transfer appointment once you have taken the fertility medications for 2+ weeks. The embryo (just one) is placed in your uterus through a catheter. It is not a painful procedure and most women have told us it is similar in feeling to a pap test.

The clinic will also set up a series of ultrasounds leading up to the transfer, as well as post transfer. They will be responsible for you for the first 12 weeks of pregnancy.

REIMBURSEMENTS

While surrogates are not compensated in Canada or taxed on the funds they receive, it's important to understand what is covered by your intended parents. Receipts are necessary for us to process your reimbursements. We offer an expense app that makes submitting receipts easy, and our finance team will help you with all the details.

You will never have to discuss expenses with your intended parents as the reimbursement funds are held with CFC.



Types of Expenses

Average Reimbursement = \$25,000

(\$2,500 x 10 months once pregnant)

Transfer	Actual expense as incurred
Maternity Clothing	Up to \$500 or \$750 for multiples pregnancy
Childcare	Actual expense as incurred (Daytime and night-time rate)
Multiples Pregnancy	Up to \$2,000
Termination	Actual expense as incurred
Multiples Reduction	Actual expense as incurred
Cesarean Birth	Up to \$2,000
Bed Rest	Weekly basis
Travel	Actual expense as incurred
Lost Wages: surrogate rate	Wage x hrs/week
Lost wages: companion rate	Actual expense as incurred
Health Insurance	Actual expense as incurred
Life Insurance Policy \$500,000 minimum coverage	Premium varies by age and other health factors



Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to use my own eggs?

No, our surrogates are gestational carriers, meaning the embryo is created from the eggs of the intended mother or egg donor. There is no biological connection between you and the baby you are carrying.

How soon will I be matched?

With more intended parents than available surrogates, getting matched is fairly immediate once all of your paperwork is submitted and the application process is complete.





Can I use my own OB or midwife?

Of course! Please provide your preference in our surrogacy application.

Can I be a surrogate if my tubes are tied?

Absolutely! If you've had a tubal ligation, this procedure prevents your eggs from reaching your uterus, effectively blocking natural conception. In gestational surrogacy, a surrogate's ovaries and eggs are not a factor in the process, as there's no biological connection to the embryo being carried.

Will all my expenses be covered?

Yes. All necessary expenses for your initial medical appointments, including travel and accommodations will be reimbursed to you. Once you are pregnant, all expenses related to your pregnancy will be covered.

Can I be a surrogate if I have not had any children?

No, the fertility clinics that we work with require you to have had at least one child.



Take the Next Steps



Schedule an Intake Call

Book a call with our surrogate mentor to ask any questions you have and learn more about the surrogacy process.



Create Your Profile

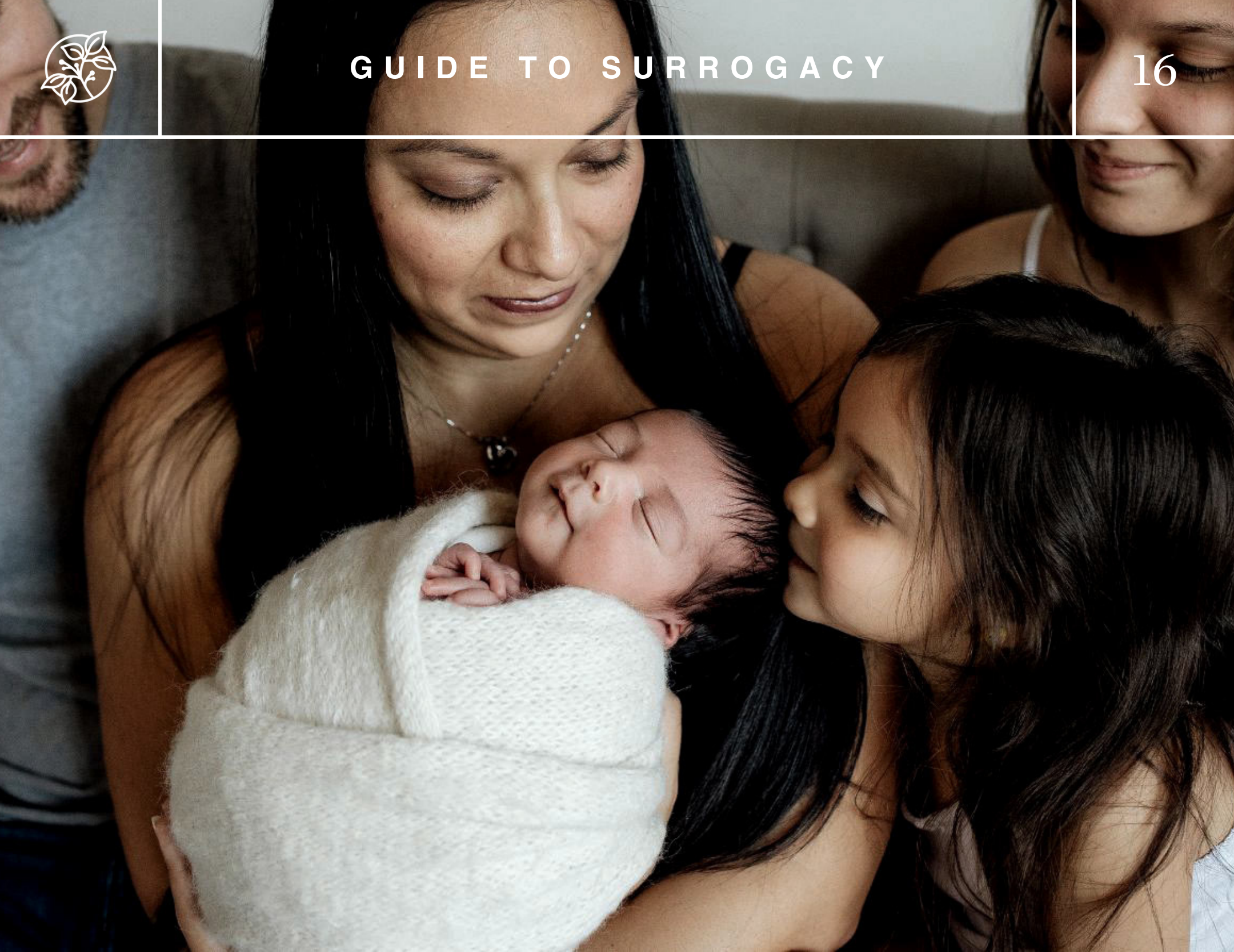
Your surrogate profile is a summary of your qualities, experiences, medical history, and motivations as a surrogate.



View Parent Profiles

Find your perfect match! Explore profiles of our hopeful parents and learn about the families that need your help.





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