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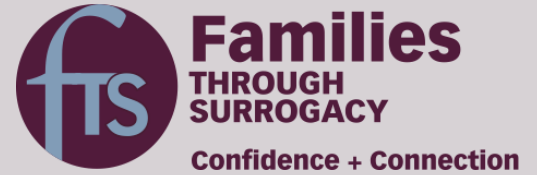


## Surrogacy in Ukraine



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# Legal recognition under Ukraine law



Ukraine is one of the few countries in the world, with stable surrogacy laws.

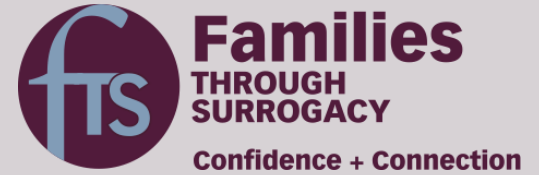
Commercial Surrogacy has been legal, for married heterosexual couples since 2006.

Lotus has worked in Ukraine since 2009, with over 300 births world wide.

Currently Lotus has over 50 ongoing pregnancies in Ukraine, most of them for Australians.

The surrogate gives up her rights to the baby when she signs the contract with IP's

# Parents named on Birth certificate



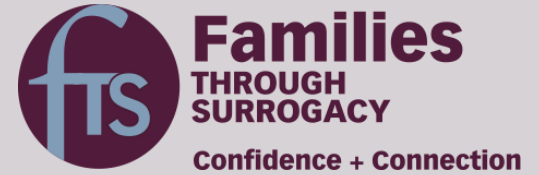
Parents are legally recognized

Both parents names are shown on the birth certificate (even in case of egg or sperm donation).

Birth certificate is issued in 1 day.

Within 7 - 10 days, you can be provided with all necessary documents to apply for Aust citizenship.

# Correct Documentation Essential



Very important to follow the law despite costs and time required for documentation:

- Use only clinics approved by the Ukraine Health ministry
- Insist that only a lawyer draft your surrogate contract
- You must have your surrogate contract notarized and tax paid
- Not having a notarized contract is illegal and will cause problems in getting birth certificate.
- The contract must contain the amount paid to the surrogate
- No third party, is allowed to be part of the surrogate contract.

# Growth of surrogacy agencies and IVF clinics

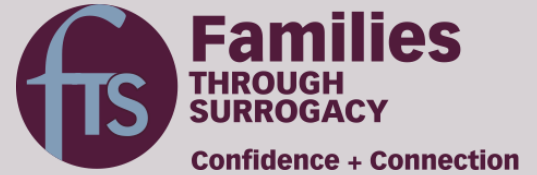


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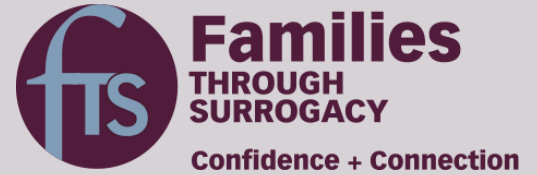
- Ukraine has become major surrogacy hub in the last 2 years.
- Many new agencies and new clinics, with no experience
- Big agencies taking more clients than they can handle
- Make sure your agency does not compromise on the quality of procedures

# What to look at in selecting a provider.



- Talk to **real people (not just on forums)** that have completed.
- Check response time from provider, make sure they have a team to help throughout the process
- Understand what is included.
  - Sometimes it appears a provider is less expensive but their costs omit many components.
- Understand if provider is working according to the law
- look for providers that dont “cut corners” via poor surrogate care, poor support or skipping legal requirements.

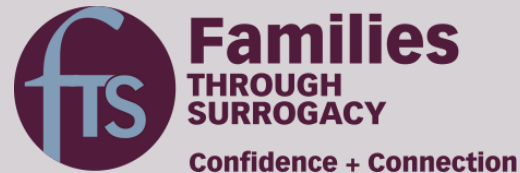
# Well screened surrogates



It takes ~4 weeks to match a surrogate to an IP.

- Surrogates are ages 18-35;
- Have a healthy child or children;
- Absence of medical contraindications;
- Moral and psychological stability, responsibility and a great desire to assist; (Ukraine Law);
- Absence of any criminal background;
- If a surrogate is married, her husband must give written notarized consent for her participation in surrogacy
- Cannot be genetically related to the child.

# Surrogate matching: A good match is a great start

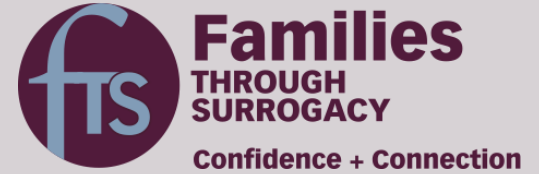


## Parents inform Lotus of their criteria :

- Age of the surrogate
- Time between deliveries
- Surrogate children's ages
- Maximum distance from Kiev
- What communication they wish during pregnancy / what relationship they desire in the future



# Surrogate matching:



## Surrogate completes her profile:

- How much compensations she wishes to receive
- Is she willing to carry twins
- What kind of communication/relationship she wants with parents
- marital status
- Who will support her during the pregnancy

## High quality IVF clinics

- With donor cycles our clinic recommends Day 5 embryos
- With older patient eggs, the day of embryo transfer will be recommended after embryo quality determined
- With good quality embryos, recommended to transfer **only 1 embryo**
- Most surrogates choose to carry only singleton pregnancy