



Failed Surrogacy Agencies



Banks are not the only financial guardians that are failing at an alarming rate. Surrogacy agencies have been closing and dissolving at a rapid clip, leaving in their wake sad tales of pregnant surrogates with no way to get paid and no insurance coverage. Not to mention frantic intended parents who are understandably concerned about the status of their baby and the money they paid for services that will never be fully rendered. SurroGenesis, USA is the latest agency to betray the couples who trusted them. The owner of SurroGenesis fled from California to Texas and is believed to be intricately intertwined with Michael Charles Holding, the alleged holder of the trust fund money paid by the couples. The whereabouts of the funds deposited with Michael Charles Holding, Inc are unknown. There are

presently 70+ couples who have been identified as victims of this fraud and there is believed to be over \$2 million dollars missing.

Up until October 2007, a woman named Nanette Delp ran an agency called "Access to Surrogate Assisted Parenting" or ASAP. She was featured in a French documentary called "Womb to Rent and for \$40,000, Delp said she would match prospective parents with a surrogate.

One of their prospective clients was able

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to recall their wire transfer at the last moment when they caught wind of the bad reputation of ASAP. But an Australian couple's surrogate found out the company was bankrupt 6 weeks into her pregnancy. Nanette Delp was charged with 19 felony counts of grand theft, but managed to open a brand new company called Alternatives to Parenting.



On the company's website it does not show who owns it, or even reference Nanette Delp's name. The company's address? A UPS store on Calvine road in Sacramento. Delp is doing 6 years in prison.

In a case with similar features to Surrogenesis, an agency in Beverly Hills called "B Coming" is accused of wrongdoing. A couple from Spain gave the owner, Rosa Balcazar, \$90,000 to deposit into a trust account to cover the surrogate's fee and her medical expenses. They allege that Balcazar kept most of that money herself.

A Taiwanese man won a judgment in 2008 against B Coming. He claims the agency took more than \$100,000 from him. An additional seven couples are being represented by the Law firm of Vorzimer/Masserman in Woodland Hills, claiming combined losses in excess of a half million dollars. Six of the seven couples are Spanish.



There is an open indictment against Mr. Len Brooks, aka Len Valdez, for Theft by Unlawful Taking in New Jersey. It appears his surrogacy agency took money from at least three couples and has refused to return any funds. It is believed that Mr. Brooks is now operating an agency in Florida under the name International Surrogacy Center after having done business under Mid Atlantic Center for Surrogacy, International Surrogacy, and Center for Reproductive Alternatives.

The Center for Surrogate Parenting, Inc. (CSP) is the oldest surrogacy agency in the world. CSP, is owned and operated by two successful business people who both hold law degrees. Most surrogacy agencies are run by prior surrogate mothers whose earnings history is often less than \$30,000 per year. They have never run their own company and are suddenly holding hundreds of thousands of dollars for couples who simply want a child to love.

These prior surrogate mothers often have no significant assets of their own, but suddenly find themselves in charge of a million dollar trust account. They operate from their homes and call themselves "boutique" agencies instead of the "mom-and-pop" store they really are. Most employ other surrogate mothers as staff members. This is wonderful in some respects since they all understand the process, but the other side is that none of them bring years of business experience to the table.

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So now you understand why it is important to choose a reputable agency and one that is

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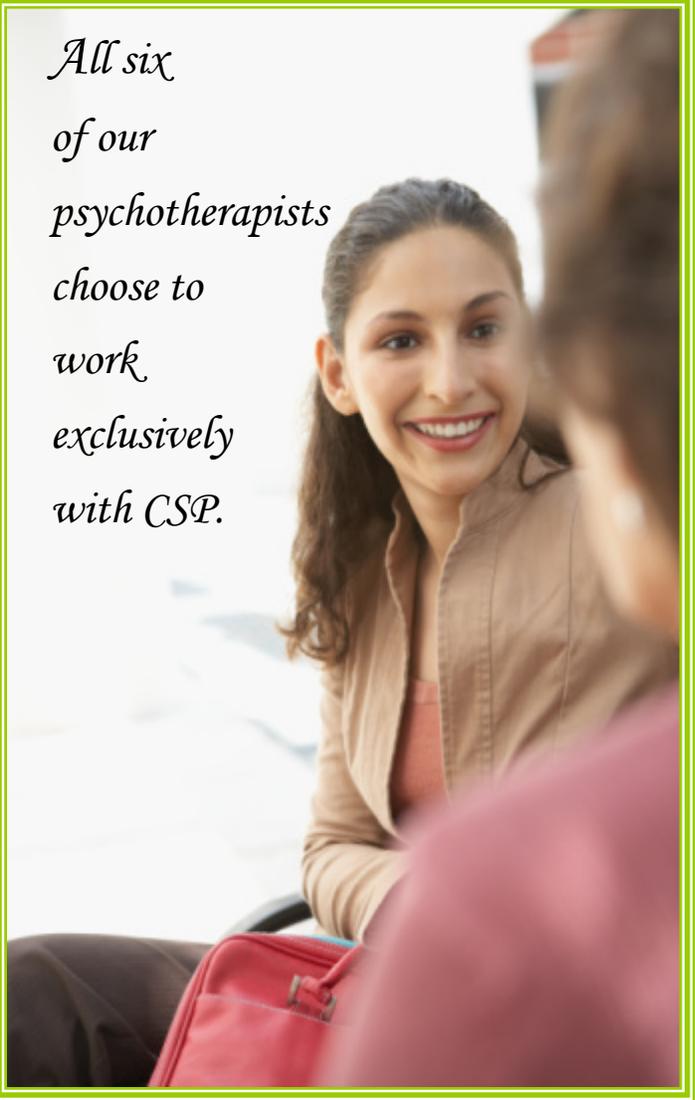
qualified to screen surrogate candidates on your behalf. CSP is the oldest surrogacy agency in the world and we have earned our remarkable reputation. We have participated in hundreds of interviews for magazines, research articles, television documentaries, books, etc. In all of these publications and shows there has never been a hint of a single scandal involving CSP. There are agencies that state they are the "gold standard" or the "Cadillac" of all agencies. These are self-proclaimed assessments and do not compare to statements made about CSP by reporters and colleagues in the surrogacy field.

In our over 29 years of experience, we have never had a doctor working with us sued over one of our cases or had a deficiency in our trust account. We have weathered the ups and downs of the world economy and have remained solid and committed throughout.

Of course we have had difficult cases. CSP is in the business of helping people and when people are involved the risk of hurt feelings, misunderstandings and disagreements can occasionally occur. These situations have been dealt with in a professional manner. In fact, all six of our psychotherapists, who are much sought-after in the reproductive industry, have elected to work with CSP exclusively. They are contractually free to work with other surrogacy agencies *and choose not to.*

A search about CSP on the Internet will confirm our reputation – not because we claim to be the best, but because other writers, colleagues and professionals refer to CSP in that way. We hope you will choose our agency to help you realize your dream of parenting. For over 29 years we have been helping couples achieve their dream, and all those children created through this program can look at the agency their parents chose with pride. We are, in turn, proud of all our children, couples, and surrogate mothers that have helped us earn our reputation.

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