



# Children's House International ADOPTIONS

## **OUR MISSION:**

*Children's House International provides ethical adoption services, child focused recruitment, and family support. We support disadvantaged children with humanitarian aid in countries worldwide.*

## **About Children's House:**

Children's House International is a non-profit adoption agency, licensed and in good standing since 1975, our main office is located in Washington State, but we are also licensed in Utah, Idaho, Louisiana, Texas and Florida. We began our first adoption program in India, and over the years have developed many programs throughout the world and have placed over 2,000 orphaned children in their forever families. We provide international adoption placement services to all U.S. citizens residing the United States.

Choosing an adoption agency may be the most important decision in the adoption process. We encourage prospective adoptive parents to do their research and make an informed choice.

Many of our staff members are also international adoptive parents. Because of this, we are well aware of the emotional feelings that go hand-in-hand with an adoption and are very passionate about the children and countries we represent.



Note: None of the children seen on this page are available for adoption.



## **China Adoption Program**

Dear Family, Thank you for your interest in our China Program! We are proud to say that shortly after China opened its doors to international adoption in 1995 Children's House International was accepted as a registered international adoption agency in China. Our China adoption program has a long-standing history of commitment to children and their adoptive families. Since 1995 our staff has been committed to placing children with health issues or special needs.

Many of the children waiting for placement have medical needs that may be treated or corrected in the U.S. and simply have not been addressed in the orphanage due to a lack of resources. Other children have special needs that may impact their growth or development.

Children's House International's licensed social workers and registered counselors have over 100 years of experience in educating and guiding families through the international adoption process. They are able to provide Home Study and Post Adoption or Post Placement Report services to families living in Utah, Idaho, Louisiana. CHI will assist families as they locate and secure the services of a licensed Hague Accredited home study agency in their area.

To begin your adoption journey, please contact Children's House International at the numbers below. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or would like more detailed information regarding specific adoption programs.

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Lynden, WA 98264

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For more detailed information on all of our programs please visit our website site at:

[www.childrenshouseinternational.com](http://www.childrenshouseinternational.com)

Thank you from all of us at  
Children's House International



We pride ourselves on advocating for those children that seem to have the smallest of voices- but need us most. We take this responsibility very seriously, which is why we've maintained a strong reputation for child advocacy for waiting children. We have placed over **1000 children with special needs** into forever families and supported programs which have sponsored medical intervention for children remaining in China.

#### Parent Requirements:

Heterosexual couples must have been married or cohabitated for at least two years. The younger parent needs to be at least 30 years of age and no more than 50 years older than the child. One parent must be a U.S. citizen.

Adoptive Parents must be in reasonable health and have no medical condition that would limit their ability to parent a child and may not have a BMI (Body Mass Index) of over 40. Prospective parents may need a psychological exam on a case-by-case basis.

Meet the CCCWA yearly income requirements (\$10,000 per family member in the home and an additional \$10,000 per adopted child) and be able to report a minimum net worth of \$80,000 for married couples or \$100,000 for heterosexual woman.

No criminal records. On a case-by-case basis, consideration will be given when either parent meets all of the following conditions: has less than 3 criminal records of slight severity and have resulted in no severe outcomes AND the time of correction has been at least 10 years ago.

Families may have no more than 5 children under the age of 18 in the home and they youngest child must be over the age of 3. Single women may not have more than 2 minor children in the home.

Only one child at a time may be adopted from China unless the children are part of a sibling group or twins.



### Children available for adoption:

All children currently available for adoption in China qualify for international placement due to medical or special needs. Many of these children have physical birth defects or anomalies. All children can be assumed to have developmental delays compared to a similar aged child raised in a family setting. Delays may or may not require multiple interventions including mental, speech, physical, and occupational therapies.

**Time Frame: Motivated families can generally finalize their adoption in about a year.** Families can expect to have their adoption completed within six months of submission of their dossier if they have been preapproved to adopt a waiting child.

**Home Study:** We will help you find a local Hague or COA accredited agency social worker to prepare your home study. It takes approximately two – four months to complete your home study. Six post adoption reports are required over five years after your adoption. The first three reports will be completed by your social worker with the final three submitted by the family.

**Adoption Education and Required Educational Materials:** Children's House provides both information and support to our prospective parents. China requires a minimum of twelve (12) hours of pre-adoption education classes as well as CHI specific training. This educational requirement is mandatory for both parents.

### Steps In A Chinese International Adoption:

- Apply to Children's House International's China Program
- Complete the [Home Study](#) Process with a CHI Social Worker or a Local Hague Accredited Social Worker
- Submit Approved [Home Study](#)
- Apply and obtain I-800A Approval from [USCIS](#)
- Compile your dossier for China
- Obtain document certification at state, embassy and Department of State levels. Authenticated documents are returned to CHI for dossier submission to China.
- Dossier is uploaded to the online system and a hard copy is sent to CCCWA for registration
- Family receives official referral (Letter Seeking Confirmation) from China.
- I-800 submitted and approval issued
- Family submits for Chinese Visa. CHI submits DS-260 and consulate documents.
- Family receives Article 5 approval and travel approval. A travel schedule is completed and a consulate appointment is scheduled.
- Family travels to China to bring their child home!

**Travel:** The country requires that one parent travel to China to bring their child home. Your adoption trip will last 10-14 days. We strongly encourage both adoptive parents to travel as it is a life changing experience and one you can never duplicate.

Our travel providers are professional and well-versed in adoption procedure and will make sure that all necessary steps are completed smoothly. Once you exit the plane, our travel provider will assist you during your entire stay in China.





We know the fears, hopes, anxieties, and dreams of adopting a child with medical needs. Therefore, we are happy to “hand hold” as we realize that you are putting one of the most profound events in your lives in someone else’s hands. That’s our commitment to the children of China and we love doing it!

Your Children’s House Team will be in constant contact with you during this entire process. We are here to help you and are looking forward to seeing your child in your arms. You will be sent comprehensive travel information and support from Children’s House while you are in China. Please contact us if you are interested in our China Adoption Program. We are sure you will have numerous questions and are looking forward to hearing from you.



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