

## About Our Agency:

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, Florida, Louisiana and Texas. We began our first adoption program in India, and over the years have developed many programs throughout the world and have placed thousands of orphaned children in their forever families. We provide international adoption placement services to all U.S. citizens, regardless of the State they reside in.

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

Children's House International's licensed social workers and registered counselors are experienced 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 Washington, Utah, Idaho, Florida, Louisiana and Texas. In other states, we will assist families as they locate and secure the services of a licensed Hague Accredited home study agency in their area.

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



## Honduras Adoption Program

Children's House International is accredited by the Honduran Central Authority as an adoption service provider. CHI works directly with DINAF (Dirección de Niñez, Adolescencia y Familia who is Honduras' federal social services and also their Central Authority. We have a long history of working in Latin America and our International Specialist has 20 years of experience working there. We feel privileged to help many waiting Honduras children find their forever families.

We are anxious to help answer any questions you may have about this program.

### Why Children's House International?

There are a lot of good people working in adoption. What makes CHI different? We promise attention to detail – we'll be spending the hours and hours on the telephone and computer with Honduras while you prepare your new child's room. We'll make sure your paperwork is in order, so your approvals happen as smoothly as possible. We will be there to answer your questions and we will always try to get right back with you quickly. We will point you in the direction of useful resources to help in your planning – things like books and language resources, qualified specialists in International adoption to answer your medical and developmental questions, and more. And when it comes time to travel, we'll arm you with all the information you need to make your trip both successful and pleasurable. Lastly, we won't make you bring large sums of cash with you when you travel. All money for the adoption can be handled through CHI here in the US. Our goal is to make your adoption experience as smooth and enjoyable as possible. Children's House International is proud of its reputation. We would be happy to answer all your questions.

**Parent Requirements:** In addition to the USCIS eligibility requirements for prospective adoptive parent(s), Honduras has the following adoption eligibility requirements (there may be exceptions given for those also with Honduran citizenship)



Choosing an adoption agency to work with is a very important decision in the adoption process. We encourage prospective adoptive parents to do their research and make an informed choice.

For more detailed information on all of our programs, please visit our website.

<http://childrenshouseinternational.com>

In each of the country sections you will find our Agency Application, Agency Retainer Agreement, and a written description of expected total fees detailed in our Financial Agreement and Disclosure. You will also find information on:

1. The number of adoption placements CHI does per year and the percentage of those placements that remain intact, are disrupted, or have been dissolved.
2. The number of parents who apply to adopt on a yearly basis, based on the data for the prior three calendar years.

Our mission at Children's House International is to provide children worldwide with permanent loving homes, and to provide families with the support they need to adopt and parent their children. We provide ethical adoption services.

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

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

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- One Adoptive parent must be a US citizen.
- Heterosexual Couples between 25 to 51 years of age and married for at least 3 years may adopt a child. There should also be no more than a 15 years' age difference between husband and wife.
- Adoptive parents must be at least 15 years older than the adoptive child. (In special circumstances, this may be waived if one parent falls within this range if the other does not.)
- Single women can also adopt. (Must be at least 15 years older than adopted child.)
- Honduras will accept no more than 2 divorces per applicant.
- Only one child may be adopted at one time unless they are siblings.
- Honduras gives preference to adoptive applicants that have less than 3 children currently in the home. Families having more than three children living in the home must show ability to add another child. Children in the home must be 3 years old or older. The youngest child in the home must be the adopted child.



- Adoptive parents with minor health issues will be considered on a case by case basis. If adoptive parents take prescription medicine or have a medical condition, please contact our adoption consultant to determine your eligibility. Adoptive parents must demonstrate that they are physically, psychologically, and mentally fit to parent a child by adoption. A letter from a licensed physician and a psychological report will be required of each applicant and included in the home study report.
- Adoptive parents should have clean criminal history records to adopt from Honduras. Adoptive parents must disclose any and all criminal and drug history. If there was a minor criminal occurrence that happened a number of years ago, it will be reviewed to determine eligibility by our U.S. and in country staff/ attorney before application will be accepted on a case by case basis.
- There is no minimum income required. However, adoptive parents must satisfy state and home study agency requirements, as well as meet the income requirements provided by USCIS.

#### **Travel for Adoption in Honduras:**

You have two traveling options;

Option 1; 3 separate trips ranging from 1-2 weeks for each visit  
Option 2; 2 separate trips, 1<sup>st</sup> trip about 7- 10 days and 2<sup>nd</sup> trip 4-5 weeks.



\*One parent can return to the U.S. once the court process is complete which takes about 2-4 weeks.

Traveling and spending time with your new child in their birth country is truly *a life changing experience and one you can never duplicate.*

### **Children available for adoption:**

The children available for adoption in Honduras generally fall between 4 and 10 years of age. Sibling groups are available and those with older siblings and those with more than 2 or three are readily available! Children with special need are also in need of families. 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.

**Time Frame:** In general, it can take 1 year, from the time your dossier is received and approved by DINAF. The time frame also depends on how flexible you are with the age of child, special needs, etc. Adopting a child with no special needs under the age of 4 most likely will result in a longer wait time.

If one adoptive parent has Honduran citizenship, these wait time may be greatly reduced – depending on age of child.

**Home Study:** If you live in Washington, Utah, Idaho, Louisiana, Texas or Florida, a CHI social worker will complete your home study. If you live outside these states, we will help you find a local agency social worker to prepare your home study. A home study completed by an agency who is Hague accredited is required. Some states have more requirements than others. Six post placement reports from your social worker are required after your adoption within the first 2 years. Your child will be a US citizen upon arrival in the US. We still suggest that families re-adopt the child in their own state.

**Family support:** The Honduran authorities place a high value on children in the family supporting the adoption of a child from Honduras.

**Adoption Education and Required Educational Materials:** Children's House is dedicated to providing both information and support to our prospective parents.

This educational requirement of at least 10 hours is mandatory. Your case manager and home study provider will help you select the courses most appropriate to your adoption. Please print out the certificate of completion when you have finished and send it to Children's House for your file. Completion of these courses must be documented in your home study.

### **Steps to Begin an International Adoption:**

1. Intake call with Case Manager and International Specialist. This is to answer any questions you might have before you begin the Application process.
2. Complete your CHI Application packet which is sent to you via DocuSign. These agreements may be reviewed at the CHI [document site](#).
3. Start you Home Study; take Adoption Education Courses and read suggested educational materials.
4. File the I-800A with US Citizenship Immigration Services (USCIS) along with having your fingerprints taken and submitted. Obtain or renew your Passports.

5. Gather Dossier documents and forward Dossier to CHI

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 Honduras. Please contact us if you are interested in our Honduras Adoption Program. We are sure you will have numerous questions and are looking forward to hearing from you.

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