

## 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, Florida, Idaho, 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 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 Utah, Florida, Idaho, Louisiana, Texas and Washington State. 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.



## Romania Adoption Program

Dear Family,

Thank you for your interest in Children's House International's Romania Program. We will be happy to assist you on your adoption journey to Romania. We have a site where you can have immediate access to all of our program documents, including Applications, Fees and other documents you will need to start your adoption from Romania. Just click on the link to the left for our general Children's House and Romania documents. Then select Romania as the country.

Children's House actually began over 45 years ago, and has been placing children from all over the world in loving homes ever since. Our Executive Director adopted her daughter from Romania and is actively involved in the program.

**Parent Requirements:** Romania places with married couples and single women. The minimum age is 18 years older than the child. There are no restrictions on maximum age of adoptive parents. At least 1 spouse must be Romanian Citizen. Single applicant must have dual U.S./Romanian citizen.

**Children:** Romanian children available for adoption are toddlers 2 & up, older children, and sibling groups. The children have been living primarily in foster homes in Romania. The children are referred from the Central Authority of Romania once they are legally available for adoption. In some cases, the children referred to families may be of Roma decent. The religion is primarily Orthodox.

**Time Frame:** Once your paperwork is registered in Romania, a referral (at the current time) is estimated to take 3-24 months. Medical information is provided and CHI strongly suggests families seek a doctor who specializes in International adoption to review the information. Once the family agrees to adopt the child and the I-800 is approved by USCIS, a trip is arranged within 2-4 months.

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 public document site at:

<http://www.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. Additional information can be found on our web-site:

<http://www.childrenshouseinternational.com>.

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

**Travel:** Both parents must travel to Romania for bonding period of 30-45 days. Throughout the bonding period, you will be visited by a local social worker 8 times who will ensure placement is going well and write up their recommendation for court. The schedule of visits will be determined during your meeting with the social worker before visiting the child. Should you decide to stay in country for the entire process, it can take up to 120 days to finalize the adoption. The second trip is around 30-45 days after the bonding period is completed. The second trip is around 30 days, and consists of court and finalizing the adoption with the embassy.

**Home Study:** We will help you find a local Hague approved agency social worker to prepare your home study. It takes approximately two to six months to complete your home study, maybe a little longer and USCIS approval can take up to 2 additional months. Some states have more requirements than others. Romania requires 8 post adoption reports written by a Social Worker in the first 2 years, due quarterly. Your child will come home on an IH3 Visa which means they will be a US citizen upon arrival in the US. We still suggest that families re-adopt the child in their own state.

**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.

#### **Four steps to Begin an International Adoption:**

1. Send CHI your completed Application and Application fee, along with your signed Agency Retainer Agreement, Financial Disclosure Agreement, and all other contractual forms downloaded from the website.
2. Start you Home Study; take Adoption Education Courses and read suggested educational materials.
3. File the I-800A with CIS along with having your fingerprints taken and submitted. Get your Passports.
4. Gather Dossier documents and forward Dossier to CHI

Your Children's House Team will be in 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 the Romania. Please contact us if you are interested in our Romanian Adoption Program. We are sure you will have numerous questions and are looking forward to hearing from you.

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