

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.

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>

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



Ukraine Adoption Program

Dear Family,

Thank you for your interest in Children's House International's Ukraine Program. We will be happy to assist you on your adoption journey to Ukraine. 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. Just click on the link to the left for our general Children's House and Ukraine documents. Then select Ukraine 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.

Parent Requirements: The Department of Children and Families places children with married couples only. There must be at least 15 years difference between parent and child.

Children: Ukrainian children available for adoption are children under 5 with special medical needs, older children and sibling groups. Ukraine is unique in that referrals are essentially blind, the child's full social and medical history is provided to you when you travel to the country for your appointment with DCF to review potential child matches. Once you accept a potential referral you are given permission to meet the child at the orphanage.

Time Frame: Once your dossier is registered with the DCF, they will review it and send an invitation for an appointment to meet with a member at DCF and review potential matches. The invitation for an appointment can take anywhere from 3-12 months. All medical and referral information is provided to you directly by the DCF when you arrive for your appointment. CHI suggests families seek a doctor specializing in international adoption medicine to review the information. Upon accepting a match the family attends court and process paperwork which can take approximately 8-10 weeks. The process outlined above reflects the

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



timeline that families have experienced. It is important to understand that your adoption journey may be slightly different.

Travel: The first trip is around 2-3 weeks, second trip (court) is around 3-5 days, and the third trip is around 2-4 weeks. Both parents must travel to Ukraine for the appointment with DCF and Court. The whole process takes approximately 8-10 weeks from child acceptance to finalization.

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. Ukraine requires 3 post adoption reports that will be written by a Social Worker in the first three years, due annually. 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. 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.

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 CHI [document site](#).
2. Start your Home Study; take Adoption Education Courses and read suggested educational materials.
3. File the I-600A 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 send comprehensive travel information and support from Children's House while you are in the Ukraine. Please contact us if you are interested in our Ukraine Adoption Program. We are sure you will have numerous questions and are looking forward to hearing from you.

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