

## 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.



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 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.



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



## Georgia Adoption Program

Dear Family,

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

**Parent Requirements:** Georgia places with married couples or single women. Parents must be a minimum of 16 years older and a maximum of 45 years older than the child they are adopting. USCIS requires parents be at least 25 years of age.

**Children:** Georgian children available for adoption are children with identified special needs and are generally over the age of 2. The children have been living in orphanages or with foster parents and we do not normally see sibling groups. Once a referral is presented to you, there will be 2 weeks to make your decision.

**Time Frame:** Once your paperwork is registered in Georgia, a referral (at the current time) is estimated to take 6-24 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 4-6 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 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. Additional information can be found on our web-site:

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

Thank you from all of us at  
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**Travel:** Travel consists of one trip which can be 3-4 weeks. The judge could impose a 30 day waiting period before you can leave the country with your child.

**Home Study:** We will help you find a local agency social worker to prepare your home study. It takes approximately two to six months to complete your home study. Some states have more requirements than others. Four post adoption reports from your social worker are required. Annual family reports and photos are then required to be written by the family until your child reaches the age of 18. 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. Complete your DocuSign that is sent to you which includes the Application packet and fee, the Agency Retainer Agreement, Financial Disclosure Agreement, and all other contractual forms to begin the adoption process through CHI.
2. Start your 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 or make sure your current passports will not expire within 6 months of travel.
4. 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 Georgia. To learn more, please contact our main office at 360-383-0623 or email us at [easterneurope@chiadopt.org](mailto:easterneurope@chiadopt.org).

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