

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.



Hungary Adoption Program

Dear Family,

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

Children's House actually began 45 years ago, and has been placing children from all over the world in loving homes ever since. CHI's Hungary program team is here to assist you.

Parent Requirements: Hungary places with married couples only that are between the ages of 25-55. There can be no more than 45 years age difference between youngest parent and child at the time of referral.

Children: Hungarian children available for adoption are generally boys or sibling groups. Most children are over the age of three. The children have been living in either foster homes in Hungary or in orphanages. The children are referred from the Central Authority of Hungary once they are legally available for adoption. In the majority of cases, the children referred to families are of Roma descent. The religion is primarily Catholic.

Time Frame: Children's House estimates that once your paperwork is registered in Hungary, a referral (at the current time) generally takes a year or more. Photos and medical information is provided and CHI strongly suggests families seek a doctor with international specialty in adoption to review the information. Once the family agrees to adopt the

child, a trip is arranged usually within one to two months of acceptance.

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: There is only one trip required for Hungary; both parents must travel for a period of 7 weeks. While in country parents will have custody of the child/children for a trial bonding period which is 45 days. The child and family will be visited at least once by the government's social worker to ensure the placement is going well. In the meantime families will reside in the town the child has been raised in. At the end of the 30 day period, you will be scheduled for a date to finalize the adoption and obtain your child's Visa.

Home Study: We will help you find a local Hague accredited agency to prepare your home study. It takes approximately two-six months to complete your home study. Some states have more requirements than others. Two post placement reports are required from your home study agency. 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 documents from your Case Manager.
2. Start you Home Study; schedule a Psych Evaluation, take Adoption Education Courses and read suggested educational materials.
3. File the I-800A with USCIS along with having your fingerprints taken and submitted. Get your passports or check current passports to be sure validity shall last until at least three months after the intended date of departure.
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 Hungary. To learn more, please contact our main office at 360-383-0623 or email us at easterneurope@chiadopt.org

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