

CHI FAMILY SERVICE PLAN Bulgaria Program

Children's House International (CHI) is the Primary Provider for my/our adoption case.

Service	How & When	Responsible Party
1. Identifying a child for adoption and arranging adoption	The local welfare department where the child is living conducts child investigations and determines whether a child should be removed from the birth family due to abuse, neglect or abandonment. This is done long before a child is referred to a potential family. The child is placed on a list, and local relatives are contacted for possible adoption; if none are found or interested, the search goes to a national level and if none are interested, placed on the international list with the Central Authority. "Arranging" the adoption continues throughout the case.	Identifying a child for adoption - Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Bulgaria International Legal Protection of Children and Intercountry Adoptions Directorate (MOJ) - Foundation that the child is assigned to - Local Social Welfare - CHI Arranging Adoption - MOJ - Foundation (Foreign Supervised Provider) that the child is assigned to - Local Social Welfare - CHI
2. Securing consent to termination of parental rights and to adoption	The local social welfare secures the termination of parental rights in cases where the child can no longer safely stay in their birth family home. Case is brought to the local court over the region for decision. This step has been completed long before a child is referred to a potential family.	- MOJ - Local Court - Local Social Welfare
3. Performing a background study on a child or a home study on a prospective adoptive parent(s) and reporting on such studies	- The local child welfare department conducts a child background report and makes determinations based on such reports for removal and adoption. Conducted before a referral is given to a family. - Prospective adoptive parent(s) home study is performed by CHI or an exempted provider home study agency in the United States Necessary prerequisite to eligibility for receiving a child referral.	Performing Background study on child - MOJ - Foundation (FSP) that the child is assigned to - Local Social Welfare Reporting on child's background study - MOJ - Foundation (FSP) that the child is assigned to Performing and Reporting on Home study of prospective adoptive parents - CHI or Exempted Provider (if applicable)

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4. Making non-judicial determinations of the best interests of a child and the appropriateness of an adoptive placement for the child	Determinations for the child's best interest, to be placed for adoption, is made by the local child welfare where the child lives. The file is forwarded to the Central Authority/MOJ, Bulgarian foundation and CHI once referral is received for a specific family. This happens once the legal determination is made to remove the child from the birth family home.	- MOJ - Foundation that the child is assigned to - CHI
5. Monitoring a case after placement until final adoption	The Prospective Adoptive Parent(s) visits the child for a first trip where the meeting is monitored by the local child welfare, the Bulgarian foundation and remotely by CHI. If the Prospective Adoptive Parent(s) and child welfare determines they want to move forward with the adoption, the family signs the acceptance form and returns home. Child is adopted in court without the family present. PAP returns after that to pick the child up, go to the Embassy and return home.	N/A- this does not apply; child is not placed with adoptive family until the adoption is final. The child is not 'placed' with the family on the first trip. The Prospective Adoptive Parent(s) visits the child for a week and the local child welfare, Foundation, and CHI monitor the visit.
6. Assume custody of child in case of disruption before final adoption	Not Applicable	N/A- this does not apply; child is not placed with adoptive family until the adoption is final

I/We have received a copy of the above Service Plan for my/our adoption.

Date Signed _____

Prospective Adoptive Parent

Prospective Adoptive Parent

Printed Full Name

Printed Full Name

CHI Representative