

CHI FAMILY SERVICE PLAN

Ghana 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.	- Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (Central Authority) - Minsheh Child & Family Welfare Services (Foreign Supervised Provider) - Romanlevi & Associates (Foreign Supervised Provider) - Regional social welfare office - 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.	- Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection - Minsheh CFWS - Regional social welfare office - Local Court in the region where the child resides
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 and Reporting on a background study of child - Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection - Minsheh CFWS - Regional social welfare office Performing and Reporting on Home study of prospective adoptive parents - CHI or Exempted Provider (if applicable)



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 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.	- Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection - Minsheh CFWS - Regional Social Welfare Office - CHI
5. Monitoring a case after placement until final adoption	Prospective Adoptive Parent(s) visits the child for a first trip where the meeting is monitored by the local child welfare, the Social Welfare office and remotely by CHI. If the Prospective Adoptive Parent(s) and child welfare determines they want to continue to move forward with the adoption, the PAPs signs the acceptance form and returns home. Child is adopted in court with the PAPs present during second trip. PAPs may stay in country with child for several months or return after all documents are ready and pick the child up, go to the Embassy and return home.	- Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (Central Authority) - Minsheh CFWS - Regional social welfare office
6. Assume custody of child in case of disruption before final adoption	Regional Social Welfare office assumes custody of the child in case of disruption before final adoption.	- Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection - Minsheh CFWS - Regional social welfare office

I/We have received a copy of the above Service Plan for my/our adoption. We understand that I/we will also receive and sign a more detailed Family Service Plan once I/ we receive the referral of a child(ren).

Date Signed _____

Prospective Adoptive Parent

Prospective Adoptive Parent

Printed Full Name

Printed Full Name

Children's House International Representative