

FAMILY SERVICE PLAN Hong Kong 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 - Social Welfare Department (Including, but not limited to, the Adoption Unit) - The High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Court of First Instance - Department of Justice of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region - Registered Foundation in Hong Kong (Mother's Choice, PLK, or ISSHK) - CHI Arranging Adoption - Registered Foundation in Hong Kong - Social Welfare Department (Including, but not limited to, the Adoption Unit) - The High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Court of First Instance - CHI - Prospective Adoptive Family's Local court of jurisdiction in the United States
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.	- Social Welfare Department - The High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Court of First Instance
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 - Social Welfare Department (Including, but not limited to, the Adoption Unit) - Registered Foundation in Hong Kong Performing and Reporting on Home study of prospective adoptive parents - CHI or Domestic Supervised 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	Determination that a child's best interest is to be freed for adoption is made by The High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Court of First Instance. The Central Authority assigns available child cases to the three Hong Kong Organizations (HKO) charged with finding families for children. The HKOs send profiles to adoption agencies for submissions from PAPs interested in the child. The HKO and Central Authority chose the best family for the child to move forward with the adoption process.	- Social Welfare Department (Including, but not limited to, the Adoption Unit) - Registered Foundation in Hong Kong - CHI

5. Monitoring a case after placement until final adoption	In-Country Monitoring: - Family meets with child 3 days in country. During this time they are accompanied by HKO staff. Day 3 is discharge day, custody paperwork is signed, and child is with the family for the duration. HKO available as needed for support. Day 6 is departure to the US. In-U.S. Monitoring: - Communication is maintained at least for a few weeks for check-ins with CHI staff and HKO with the family. Post-placement visits/report are conducted per the country/HKO and state's schedule by either CHI or Supervised Provider. CHI, Hong Staff reviews and monitors the child and case until final post placement is finished. Family proceeds with final adoption in the State of residence court and proceeds with US citizenship process.	- Social Welfare Department (Including, but not limited to, the Adoption Unit) - Registered Foundation in Hong Kong - CHI - Social Welfare Department and Foundation in Hong Kong - Foundation in Hong Kong - CHI - Prospective Adoptive Family's Local court of jurisdiction in the United States
6. Assume custody of child in case of disruption before final adoption	Disruption in Foreign Country: - The Prospective Adoptive Parent(s) will inform CHI, CHI's foreign supervised provider, and the Central Authority of their decision to disrupt. With the direction and permission of the Central Authority, the regional social services of Hong Kong will resume custody of the child. Disruption in the U.S.: - The Prospective Adoptive Parent(s) will inform CHI of their decision to disrupt. CHI will inform the US Department of State and Central Authority of Hong Kong. CHI will seek approval from the appropriate Hong Kong Authorities prior to alternative placement and, if needed, make arrangements for the return of the child to the social welfare authorities in Hong Kong, only with the consent of the Central Authorities of the U.S. and Hong Kong. If the child is to remain in the U.S., CHI will work with the Central Authority of Hong Kong, Department of State, and local resources to find alternative placement options. The family will retain physical and financial custody until an alternative acceptable placement is made.	- Social Welfare Department - Foundation in Hong Kong - Governmental Child Services Division of the family's state, if necessary - CHI - Foundation in Hong Kong - State Department if child is to be returned back to Hong Kong

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

Children's House International Representative