






Intercountry Adoption at Sunny Ridge Family Center: A Brief Overview of Countries and Children Available

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Country	Children available	Travel	Benefits/Issues to Consider	Eligibility	Medical Information	Approx. Fees*	Time frame	Program
China 	Mostly girls available; children usually between 11-13 months at time of placement.	Group travel and one trip of 16 days. One parent may travel.	China has a relatively stable process and large network of support groups in the Chicago area.	Applicant families must enjoy good health, with no arrest or criminal record. No more than three children already in the home.	Usually good medical information available at time of referral. No birth family information available.	Appx. \$24,000	Estimated time period, from the time your dossier is mailed to the time your referral arrives, is more than 24 months, but it is anticipated that wait times will gradually lengthen and could reach three to four years.	Sunny Ridge Family Center Direct Placement Program
Colombia <i>Program Currently on hold.</i>	Young children under 24 months of age at placement; both boys and girls available.	One trip of three to five weeks	Younger children available	No more than one other child in the family. Parents requesting an infant placement must be ages 25-40. Older families receive referrals of toddlers or older children based on parent's ages. Single applicants must be open to older children; some programs require infertility statement.	Usually detailed medical information available.	Appx. \$18,000	Presently takes 12 to 24 months or more to receive referral.	Partner Program: Wide Horizons for Children, Children's Home Society & Family Services, Los Ninos
Ethiopia	Boys and girls available, infants and older. Sibling groups available.	One or both parents may travel; escort available	Fees are lower than many other programs and travel escort is also available.	Open to single and married couples. Applicants must be between the ages of 25 and 50; applicants over age 50 are eligible to adopt children four years and older.	All children tested for HIV and Hepatitis B; basic medical information and occasionally some family background	Appx. \$17,000	Placement occurs within 14 months of dossier mailing.	Adoption Advocates International; Wide Horizons for Children
Guatemala  <i>Program Currently on hold.</i>	Boys and girls available; boy referrals come more quickly as many boys in need of placement.	Short trip of three to four days. Escort available.	Children reside in private foster care home. Cost is somewhat more expensive than other programs.	Fairly lenient adoptive parent requirements; singles are welcome as well as parents up to age 50.	Fairly reliable medical reporting. Many children have been placed in foster homes. Information on birth mothers occasionally available.	Appx. \$34,000	Average of 12 months; tends to be shorter for boys.	Sunny Ridge Family Center Direct Placement Program
Kazakhstan	Boys and girls, eight months and up; Asian and Eurasian children.	Travel can be demanding; Two trips, or one trip that can last four weeks depending on region.	Concerns about fetal alcohol effect / syndrome are less due to Asian/Muslim populations.	Singles and married may apply. Must be 50 or younger to adopt an infant	Varies; may be minimal prior to travel	Appx. \$28,000	Process usually completed within 12 months of dossier mailing.	Partner Program: World Child, MAPS & Wide Horizons for Children
India	Boys and girls available.	One trip, or escort available.	Strong preference for families of Indian descent.	Parents must be between ages 28-45 with no more than two children in the family. Must be married two years. Childless couples preferred.	Limited medical information	Appx. \$18,000	Process takes a minimum of 14 months and is unstable at times.	Partner Program: MAPS and Children's Home Society & Family Services have well established programs
Korea	Mostly boys available, but must be open to either gender. Children under 14 months available.	Five to 7 days, or escort available	Children reside in foster care prior to placement. Predictable adoption process.	Strict requirements. Parents must be between 25-42 years of age. Married three years, with no divorces and no serious medical issues.	Referral and medical information quite thorough. Some children will have identified medical needs, most are minor and medically correctable.	Appx. \$24,000	Usually completed within 12 months.	Partner Program: Children's Home Society & Family Services; Spence-Chapin Services

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Country	Children in Need of Family	Travel	Benefits/Issues to Consider	Eligibility	Medical Information	Approx. Cost	Time frame*	Program
Lithuania	Caucasian children primarily above the age of six, as well as some with special needs, or sibling groups.	Two trips; one trip required for court hearing; parent must then return in 40 days following court hearing to bring child home.	Large network in Chicago area; singles eligible; Concerns about rate of fetal alcohol effect/syndrome.	Open to singles and married between the ages of 25 to 49 years of age. No length of marriage requirement, previous marriages also accepted.	Medical information can be difficult to interpret and requires experienced medical evaluation.	Appx. \$20,000	Process usually completed within 12 months.	Sunny Ridge Family Center Direct Placement Program
Philippines	Boys and girls available, but must be open to either gender. More boys available; placement of boys usually occurs under 18 months. Sibling groups available.	Short trip of one week or less at the time of placement. Only one parent required to travel.	Lower fees. Children are of Malay/Spanish/Chinese heritage. Minimal paperwork requirements.	Singles or married may apply; singles will receive referral of child three years and older. Applicants must be between 27-47 years of age and no more than three children already in the family. No more than one divorce, and must be married for three years. Practice of religious belief important.	Background, medical, and developmental information usually available.	Appx. \$18,000	Average of 18 to 24 months for referral	Partner Program: Wide Horizons for Children
Poland 	Children available are ages six years and older. Younger child may be available in a sibling group.	Two trips required; both parents must travel.	Limited post adoption requirements.	Applicants can be married or single. One divorce allowed. Parents must not be more than 40 years older than child.	Health records, school reports, and social history provided.	Appx. \$15,000, plus INS, dossier, and travel fees.	Process takes a little longer and is usually 12 to 18 months.	Sunny Ridge Family Center Direct Placement Program
Russia	Caucasian children available, ages 14 months to teen. Can request two children at time of placement as many sibling groups available.	Two trips required; both parents must travel.	Concerns about rate of fetal alcohol effect/syndrome. Russia can be more costly program.	Open to singles and married up to 55 years of age. More flexible requirements.	Medical information can be difficult to interpret and requires experienced medical evaluation.	Appx. \$32,000 to \$35,000	Process usually completed within 14 months.	Partner Program: MAPS, World Child, Children's Home Society & Family Services, Wide Horizons for Children
Taiwan	Girls and boys, ages one to 14 months. Older children also available.	Requires one parent to travel for three to six days; prefer both parents travel.	May have opportunity for post-placement contact with birth mother. Approval of birth mother often part of process. Some children are in foster care.	Married couples between 30-45 years of age. Must be married five years; parents with less than three children are given preference.	Amount of medical information varies dependent on program chosen.	Appx. \$25,000	Usually 10-18 months; process varies dependent on program.	Florida Home Studies & Adoption, Inc.
Ukraine	Caucasian boys and girls available; 14 months old and up. Sibling groups available.	Requires one three to four-week trip to Ukraine.	There are multiple visits with child before the court process. Parents travel to orphanages to visit identified children available for adoption. Orphanage care varies greatly as do cost. Concerns about prenatal exposure to drugs and alcohol.	Flexible requirements for parents. Married and single women eligible. Married couples must be married two years. Flexible with parents' age and number of children already in family.	Families receive medical information on child while in Ukraine.	Appx. 27,000	Process is usually under 12 months.	MAPS, Christian World Adoption, Wide Horizons for Children

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