

# International Adoption Programs Minnesota Adoption Agency Resource Chart

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								2008	2009	2010
<b>1 Bethany Christian Services</b> 3025 Harbor Lane N, Suite 316 Plymouth, MN 55447 763-553-0344 <a href="http://www.bethany.org/plymouth">www.bethany.org/plymouth</a>	1. 2-3 Months 2. \$3,000 3. Yes	Ethiopia	3 months to 15 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referral of infant: 12-18 months</li> <li>Referral of 2+ year old: 4-8 months</li> <li>Wait after referral: 2-4 months</li> </ul>	\$23,650- \$27,050	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Married at least 1 year with 5 years preferred</li> <li>25-45 years old for infant or 50+ for older child</li> <li>Single females accepted</li> </ul>	2 trips, 5-7 days each	0	5	4
		China	9 months to 12 years old (healthy and special needs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referral: 39+ months after dossier log-in date</li> <li>Wait after referral: 6-12+ weeks</li> <li>For special needs: 4-24 months</li> </ul>	\$25,770- \$26,020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Married at least 2 years or 5 years if previously divorced</li> <li>30-45 years old: May be assigned a child approximately 9-12 months of age</li> <li>46-50 years old: May be assigned a child one to three years of age</li> <li>51+ years old: Do not meet the guidelines for adopting a healthy child, but may be eligible for older children or those with placement special needs</li> <li>Maximum 4 children in family</li> <li>Singles not accepted</li> </ul>	12-20 days	9	4	5
		Hong Kong	6 months to 15 years old (for special placement needs only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waiting children only</li> <li>Wait after referral: 6-8 months</li> </ul>	\$16,550- \$19,450	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Married at least 3 years</li> <li>25-50 years old (may be older than 50 for older children)</li> <li>Singles accepted</li> </ul>	Preferred (4-7 travel days, if chosen)	0	1	1
		Philippines	2-15 years old for healthy & special placement needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referral: 24 months (and increasing)</li> <li>Wait after referral: 6-8 months</li> </ul>	\$20,350- \$23,250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Married at least 3 years</li> <li>27-45 years old</li> </ul>	4-7 days	0	0	0
		South Korea (special needs only)	6 months to 5 years old for special placement needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referral of infants: 12-16 months</li> <li>Wait after referral: 3-6 months</li> </ul>	\$28,225- \$33,655	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Married at least 3 years</li> <li>25-43 years old</li> <li>Healthy infants placed only in GA, MI, IN, IL, WI</li> </ul>	4-7 travel days preferred	0	0	0
		Colombia (CRAN)	3-15 years old for healthy & special placement needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referral: 3-4 years+ for child 0-5 years old</li> <li>Wait after referral: 2-4 months</li> </ul>	\$29,280- \$34,940	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Married at least 3 years</li> <li>25-38 years old (25-50 years for older children or those with special placement needs)</li> <li>Single female applicants accepted for older children or those with special placement</li> </ul>	6-8+ weeks	0	0	0
		Colombia (Ayudame)	3 months to 15 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referral: 3-4 years+ for child 0-5 years old</li> <li>Wait after referral: 2-4 months</li> </ul>	\$29,280- \$34,941	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Married at least 3 years</li> <li>25-38 years old</li> <li>Single female applicants accepted for older children or those with special placement needs and children over 4 yrs</li> <li>Childless couples only for healthy infants</li> </ul>	6-9+ weeks	0	0	4
		Colombia (Chiquitines)	3 months to 15 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referral: 3-4 years+ for child 0-5 years old</li> <li>Wait after referral: 2-4 months</li> </ul>	\$29,280- \$34,942	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Married at least 3 years</li> <li>25-38 years old</li> <li>Single female applicants accepted for children with special placement needs</li> </ul>	6-9+ weeks	0	0	0
		Colombia (Los Pisingos)	3 months to 15 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referral: 3-4 years+ for child 0-5 years old</li> <li>Wait after referral: 2-4 months</li> </ul>	\$29,280- \$34,943	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Married at least 3 years</li> <li>25-38 years old</li> <li>Single female applicants accepted for older children or those with special placement needs</li> <li>Childless couples only for healthy infants</li> </ul>	6-9+ weeks	0	0	0
		Colombia (ICBF)	9 months to 15 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referral: 3-4 years for child 0-5 years old</li> <li>Shorter wait for older children and children with special needs</li> <li>Wait after referral: 1-4 months</li> </ul>	\$29,280- \$34,944	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Married at least 2 years</li> <li>25-38 years old</li> <li>Single female applicants accepted for older children or those with special placement needs</li> </ul>	6-8 weeks	0	0	0
		Haiti	Birth to 6 years old for healthy & special placement needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referral: 6-10 months for boys and 9-12 months for girls</li> <li>Wait after referral: 12-18 months for childless couples and 18-24 months for families with children</li> </ul>	\$22,890- \$24,150	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Married at least 7 years</li> <li>30-50 years old</li> <li>35 years old minimum for single female applicants</li> <li>Maximum of 2 children accepted</li> <li>Statement of Faith is required</li> </ul>	3-5 days	0	0	0
		Lithuania	2-15 years old for healthy & special placement needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referral: 6-12 months with proven Lithuanian heritage after placed on registry and up to 3+ years if no Lithuanian heritage</li> <li>Wait after referral: 2-4 months</li> </ul>	\$28,689- \$35,989	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>25-47 years at application</li> <li>Maximum 45 years between ages of parent and child</li> <li>Single female applicants with Lithuanian heritage accepted</li> </ul>	1st trip is 7-14 days and 2nd trip is 7-14 days	0	0	0
		Russia	18 months to 15 years old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referral: 8-10 months (longer for a female) and 4-6 months for older child</li> <li>Wait after referral: 3-6 months</li> </ul>	varies greatly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Length of marriage/children in family varies</li> <li>No more than 45 years between ages of parent and child</li> <li>Single applicants accepted in some regions</li> <li>Childless couples cannot specify gender</li> <li>Must be U.S. citizens</li> </ul>	1st trip is 1 week and 2nd trip is 4 weeks	1	3	3
South Africa	6 months to 7 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referral: 12-14 months</li> <li>Wait after referral: 4-8 weeks</li> </ul>	\$25,800 - \$32,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prefers 2 years of marriage</li> <li>No age requirements</li> <li>Singles are accepted</li> </ul>	4 weeks	0	0	0		

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		Bulgaria	1-5 years old (mostly over 4)	• Referral: 2+ years for children under 6 (may be less for older or special needs children) • Wait after referral: 3-6 months	\$22,500 - \$27,500	• 25 years old minimum (parents over 45 referred an older child)	2 trips, 7-9 days each	0	0	0
<b>2 Children's Home Society &amp; Family Services</b> 1605 Eustis Street St Paul, MN 55108 651-646-6393 <a href="http://www.chsfs.org">www.chsfs.org</a>	1. 3-4 Months 2. \$500-\$3,000 (based on income) 3. No for regular programs and Yes for Waiting International Child program	Colombia	3 months (Colombian American families) to 15 years old; must be open to gender if adopting from Colombia for the first time	• Referral: 6-18 months for Colombian American families, 6-24 for non-Colombian American families, and 3-15 months for WIC • Wait after referral: 5-9 weeks	\$3,500-\$14,700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Married couples for 3-5 years</li> <li>25-38 year olds can adopt younger children</li> <li>39-49 year olds can adopt older children</li> <li>Single women and men can adopt children age 7 and older or younger children with special needs</li> <li>Some flexibility for families adopting waiting children</li> <li>No serious health issues</li> </ul>	Approx. 6-8 week stay in Bogota and approx. 4 week stay outside of Bogota	4	3	6
		China	7 months to 13 years old (both genders in WIC program; mainly girls in regular program)	• Referral: 40+ months and wait times may increase to 4-5 years; 1-6 months for WIC • Wait after referral: 6-11 weeks	\$10,780 - \$12,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Married at least 2 years or 5 years if previously divorced (no single parents)</li> <li>30-49 years old (couples 50-54 may be considered for WIC)</li> <li>Must be in excellent health and have a Body Mass Index (BMI) no greater than 40</li> <li>0-4 children currently living in home and youngest must be at least 1 year old when dossier is sent to China</li> <li>Minimum income \$30k + \$10k/child living in home. Net worth minimum of \$80k</li> </ul>	2 week stay (one parent must travel)	44	34	27
		Costa Rica	5 years and older (younger children available with special needs and sibling groups); can choose gender	• Referral: 3-12 months • Wait after referral: 5-9 weeks	\$8,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Married at least 5 years</li> <li>Single women can adopt</li> <li>Age 25-55 (youngest parent should be at least 15 years older than child)</li> <li>No serious health issues and no criminal background issues</li> </ul>	1 trip of approximately 6 weeks and both parents must remain in country until the adoption is completed	new	new	new
		Ecuador	18-48 months old and up to 15 years old; married couples can choose gender	• Referral: 1-3 years for general program • Wait after referral: 5-9 weeks	\$14,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Married at least 3 years</li> <li>Single women may adopt girls; single men may adopt boys</li> <li>Age 25-50; oldest parent can be no more than 45 years older than child</li> <li>Youngest parents must be at least 15 years older than child</li> <li>Ecuador is quite restricted regarding mental health, medical and criminal background</li> </ul>	at least 8 weeks; in the case of a couple, one parent could travel home after approximately 4 weeks	new	2	4
		Ethiopia	infants to 12 years old	• Referral: 3-22 months • Wait after referral: 5-8 months	\$10,700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Married at least 1 year</li> <li>Limited opportunities for single women</li> <li>Ages 25-48 years old for infants to 24 months</li> <li>Ages 25-55 years old for children 25 months and older</li> <li>Priority given to Ethiopian Americans</li> <li>First-time parents must be open to gender</li> </ul>	2 trips required: 1st trip (one parent reqd) is 5 days and 2nd trip (both parents reqd) is 4 days	56	56	55
		India (accepting new applicants for WIC Program only)	Infants and older ; can choose gender	• Call for details on wait times	\$10,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Married at least 5 years</li> <li>Limited opportunities for single women</li> <li>30-52 years old</li> <li>All parents must be 43 or under to adopt a child 6-18 months</li> <li>0-3 children currently in family</li> <li>Some flexibility for families adopting waiting children</li> </ul>	1 week stay	4	1	7
		Korea	5-6 months old; WIC Program 3 months to 6 years; 1-time parents must be open to gender	• Referral: 0-3 months for boys and 0-6 months for girls • Wait after referral: up to 11 months	\$16,000 (WIC) - \$17,350 (General Program)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Married at least 3 years at adoption study approval and no more than one divorce per spouse</li> <li>25-43 years old with less than 15 years between spouses</li> <li>0-4 children in the family and if 0 must be open to gender</li> <li>No serious health issues, including weight</li> <li>At least a high school education</li> </ul>	Minimum of 3 full business days on ground (escort available at time of travel for children under 12 months)	84	52	86
		Peru	Waiting children 2 years to 15 years old	• Referral: 2-3 years after 3-5 months for dossier approval • Wait after referral: 5-9 weeks	\$8,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Married at least 2 years</li> <li>single women can adopt children 7 years old and older and single men can adopt children 9 years old and older</li> <li>25-55 years old for married couple; 30-45 for single parents</li> <li>Age requirements may be flexible</li> <li>Preference for families with no children or one child in family</li> </ul>	3-5 weeks (both parents stay until adoption decree is signed)	1	0	1
		Russia	12 months to 16 years old (can choose gender)	• Referral: 0-15 months for boys and 10-24 months for girls • Wait after referral: 3-7 months	\$19,750	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Married couples or single women</li> <li>Recommended age difference between mother and child is &lt; 47 years</li> <li>Serious health issues, including depression, considered on a case-by-case basis</li> </ul>	1st trip is 5-7 days and 2nd trip is 3-4 weeks	38	17	12

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		Taiwan	2-10 years old	• Referral to travel: 4-7 months	\$4,000	• Married couples, 30-45 years old (over 45 on a case-by-case basis) and in good health • No serious health issues • Must have completed adoption study	Travel required for one or both spouses (1-week trip approx.)	new	7 since 1999	7 since 1999
		Thailand	16 months to 5 years old	• Referral: call • Wait after referral: 7-10 months	\$7,500	• Married at least 2 years • Age 45 or younger (both parents); 25-40 to adopt child under 24 months • Single women can adopt WIC over the age of 5 • No serious health issues, including depression (past or present) • No criminal history, including DUIs • Maximum of 2 children in the home	10-14 days for both parents	1	2	2
3 <b>Crossroads Adoption Services</b> 7600 Parklawn Avenue, #352 Minneapolis, MN 55435 (952) 831-5707 <a href="http://www.crossroadsadoption.com">www.crossroadsadoption.com</a>	1. 3-5 Months 2. \$2,600 3. On a case-by-case basis	China	Infant girls	• Referral: 48 months or more • Wait after referral: 2-3 months	\$13,500- \$15,500	• Married couples • 30-50 years old for infants and 30-55 years old for special needs • Some health and weight restrictions	2 weeks (one or both parents may travel)	16	4	2
		China (Special Needs)	0-12 year old boys and girls with special needs	• Referral is expedited: 6-9 months	\$13,000- \$15,000	• Married couples • 30-50 years old for infants and 30-55 years old for special needs • Some health and weight restrictions	2 weeks (one or both parents may travel)	0	10	13
		Colombia	Infant boys and girls (no gender pref.); older children and sibling groups available	• Referral: 24 months • Wait after referral: 3-5 weeks	\$10,000- \$12,000	• Married couples • 25-38 years old for infants • Age restrictions are flexible if adopting older children	4-5 weeks (one parent may return after 2-3 weeks)	15	12	7
		Nepal	Infant boys and girls 1 year old and older	• Referral: 12-24 months • Wait after referral: 3-6 months	\$15,000- \$17,000	• Married couples • 30-50 years old • Single women (not single men) 35-50 years old	2 weeks (both parents must travel)	0	0	0
		Philippines	Infant boys and girls 2 years and older school age children and siblings	• Referral: 12-36 months • Wait after referral: 3-5 months	\$7,500 - \$10,500	• Married at least 3 years or 5 years if divorced • 1 divorce per person allowed	1 week	10	16	3
		Thailand	Relative and school age boys and girls	• Referral: 24-36 months • Wait after referral: 4 months	\$3,900- \$5,000	• Married couples or singles • Some other restrictions may apply	2 weeks	0	0	0
4 <b>European Children Adoption Services</b> 6050 Cheshire Lane North Plymouth, MN 55446 763-694-6131 <a href="http://www.ecasus.org">www.ecasus.org</a>	1. 2 Months 2. \$2,700 3. Yes	Russia	Infants and children 10 months to 16 years old	• Referral: 6-12 months • Wait after referral: 3-5 months	\$25,000- \$29,000 (incl. travel)	• Married at least 1 year • Couples and single women 25-55 years old	2 trips. 1st trip 4-5 days and 2nd trip 9-19 days	14	10	5
		Ukraine	Children and siblings from 14 months to 16 years old	• Invitation to travel: 5-8 months • Wait after invite: 1 month	\$22,000- \$26,000 (incl. travel)	• Married for at least 1 year • Married couples 25-55 years old • Maximum 45 years age different between oldest parent and child	25-35 totals days in either 1 or 2 trips	3	3	11
		Kazakhstan	Children and siblings from 9 months to 16 years old	• Invitation to travel: 5-6 months • Wait after invite: up to 2 months	\$32,500- \$33,500	• Married for at least 1 year • Married couples and single women 25-55 years old	28-35 totals days in either 2 or 3 trips	10	12	0
5 <b>Hand in Hand International Adoptions</b> 1360 University Ave. West., #176 St. Paul, MN 55104 651-917-0384 <a href="http://www.hihiadopt.org">www.hihiadopt.org</a>	1. 2 Months 2. \$2,500 3. No	China	6 months to 13 years old healthy and special needs)	• Referral: 4+ years for healthy child (expedited process for special needs) • Wait after referral: 6-12 weeks	\$18,300- \$20,300	• Married at least 2 years or 5 years if previously divorced • 30-50 years old for regular program and 30-55 years old for special needs • Some health and weight restrictions • Income of at least \$30,000 plus \$10,000 per child living in home • 4 or fewer children in the home and youngest at least one year old	2 weeks (one or both parents may travel)	36	20	16
		Haiti	newborn to 15 years old	• Referral: 1-2 months • Wait after referral: 12-18 months	\$16,800- \$18,800	• Married at least 8 years (one must be at least 35 years old) • Single women accepted (minimum age of 33 years old) • Practicing Christian	3-5 days (one or both parents may travel)	4	0	9
		Philippines	6 months to 15 years old (must be open to a child 3+ years old)	• Referral: 12-30 months • Wait after referral: 4-6 months	\$11,600	• Single women or married couples (married for at least 3 years) • 27 years old minimum and 16-45 year age difference between adoptive mother and child • Practicing Christian • Some health restrictions	7 days (one or both parents may travel)	14	24	13
		Russia	9 months to 15 years old (healthy and mild to moderate special needs)	• Referral: 1-12 months • Wait after referral: 2-16 weeks	\$22,000- \$28,000	• Single women or married couples • No maximum age, but often preferred that parents are no more than 45 years older than child	Depending on region: 2 trips (1st is 3-7 days and 2nd is 10-30 days) or 3 trips (1st is 3-7 days, 2nd is 3-10 days, 3rd is 3-10 days)	31	21	9

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6	<b>HOPE Adoption &amp; Family Services</b> 5850 Omaha Ave. N. Oak Park Hts., MN 55082 651-439-2446 <a href="http://www.hopeadoptionsservices.org">www.hopeadoptionsservices.org</a>	1. 3-4 Months 2. \$1,700-\$3,500 3. Yes	Philippines (HOPE works with many other countries, but is the primary agency for families who want to adopt from this country)	6 months to 10 years old and many more boys than girls. Special needs, as well. Families have to be open to children that are at least 3 years old.	• Referral: 18 months • Wait after referral: 3-4 months • Special needs placements are much shorter	\$11,100	• Married at least 1 year or 5 years if previously divorced • Single female applications for special needs children • 47 year old maximum difference between parent and child	1 week	2	3	0
7	<b>Lutheran Social Services</b> 2400 Park Ave Minneapolis, MN 55404 612-879-5230 <a href="http://www.minnesotaaadoption.org">www.minnesotaaadoption.org</a>	1. 2-3 Months 2. \$2,000 3. Yes (if outside MN) and No (for families adopting outside of the Colombia program)	Colombia	• Single child 0-7 yrs • Sibling groups of 2 (4 months-7yrs) • Older children available through Waiting Child Program • Families who wish to adopt infants must be open to children 0-2 yrs of either gender	• Referral: 6-36 months • Travel: 4-6 weeks	\$38,314 (includes travel expenses)	• Married at least 2 years • Must be open to children of either gender (preference can be stated for older children) • Ages 25-38 years: considered for children any age • Ages 39-41 years: considered for children 3+ yrs • Ages 42-45 years: considered for children 5+ yrs • Ages 46-49 years: considered for children 7+ yrs • Families open to children 0-3 yrs may have up to 2 children in home • No significant mental health issues • Clean FBI prints	6-8 weeks (both parents required to travel for first 2 weeks)	9	14	16
			Colombia Waiting Children Program	• Single child 8+ yrs • Sibling groups with 1 child 8+ yrs • Sibling groups of 3 or more (all ages) • Child(ren) of any age with mild or correctible medical special needs • Child(ren) of any age with moderate or severe permanent special needs	• Referral: 4-9 months • Travel: 4-6 weeks	\$30,314 (includes travel expenses)	• Married at least 2 years • Single applicants also accepted • Ages 25-50 years • Ages 50+ on a case by case basis • No specific restrictions on number of children already in home • No significant mental health issues • Clean FBI prints	6-8 weeks (both parents required to travel for first 2 weeks)	2	1	3
			Home study and post-placement services for the country of your choice	Varies by country	Varies by country	\$5,350 plus placing program fees	• LSSMN is Hague/COA accredited • We offer home study and post-placement services to families in MN who are networking to a placing program of their choice • This gives families greater flexibility in choosing the program that best fits their needs • LSSMN has been working to help build and support families since 1865	Varies by country	29	17	4
8	<b>New Horizons</b> 302 South Grove Street PO Box 188 Blue Earth, MN 56013 507-526-3518 <a href="http://www.nhadoptionagency.com">www.nhadoptionagency.com</a>	1. 3-4 Months 2. \$3,350 3. Yes	Liberia (ON HOLD)		ON HOLD	\$8,380	• Married at least 2 years • Minimum age of 25 years old. Special approval for anyone over 40	1-2 weeks	0	0	0
			Sri Lanka		Varies	\$22,300	• At least 25 years old	4 weeks	0	0	0
			Uganda	2-12 months	Varies	\$17,300	• Married at least 2 years • Minimum age of 25 years old. Special approval for anyone over 40	4-5 weeks	3	0	3
			Ukraine		Varies	\$17,100	• Married at least 1 year • 24-50 years old with no more than 45 years difference between parents and child	1st trip 2-3 weeks and 2nd trip 1 week	0	0	1
			Haiti	2-12 months	12-24 months	\$23,500	• Married at least 10 year • At least 35 years old	1st trip 4 days and 2nd trip 1-2 days	n/a	n/a	3
9	<b>Summit Adoption Home Studies, Inc.</b> 1389 Summit Avenue St. Paul, MN 55105 651-645-6657 <a href="http://www.summitadoption.com">www.summitadoption.com</a>	1. 1.5-4 Months 2. \$2,400 3. No	Specializes in AS for domestic, international, and embryo adoption. Families network with other agencies for child referrals.	Varies by country	Varies by country	Varies by country	Varies by country.	Varies by country	76	43	59