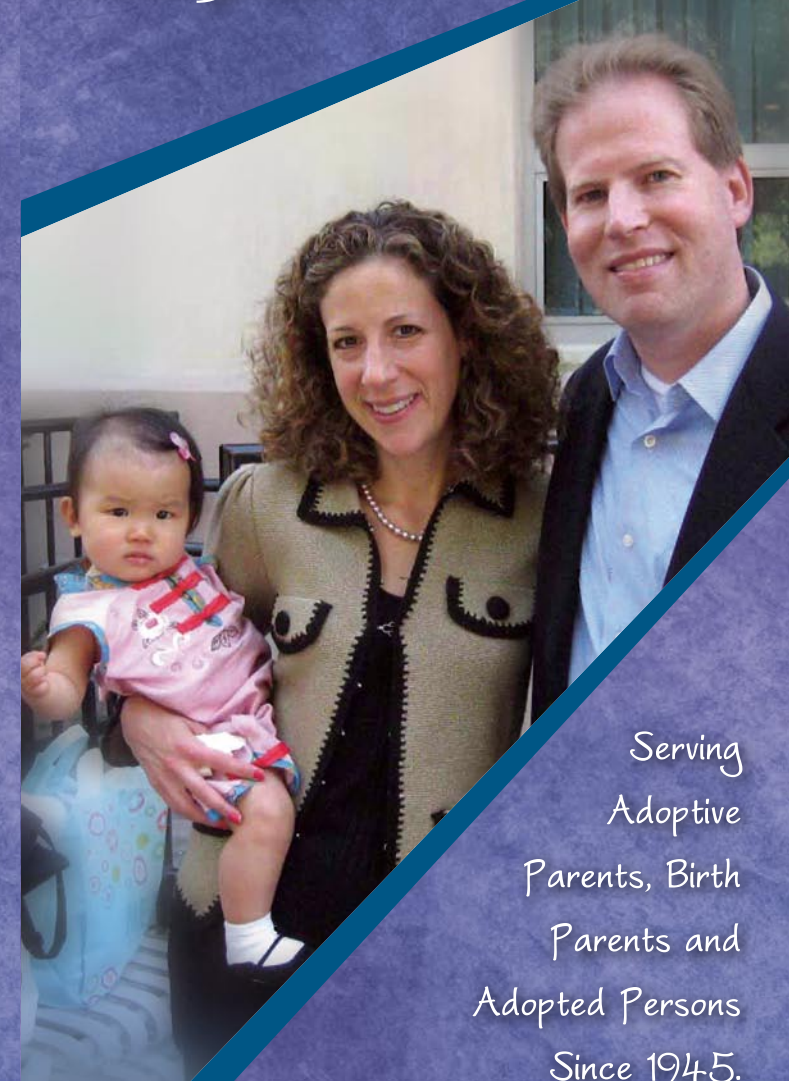


# International and Domestic Adoption Programs



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## The Adoption Process

- ◆ Attend one of Barker's information seminars
- ◆ Ask to meet with the Director of Domestic or International Programs if you have additional concerns or questions
- ◆ Submit application for adoption to The Barker Foundation
- ◆ Register for and attend the Pre-Adoption Training group
- ◆ Complete the home study paperwork and the meetings with your social worker
- ◆ As you then wait for referral of a child, take advantage of the many opportunities to attend support groups and workshops offered by our agency
- ◆ Following placement of your child, the six-month post-placement supervision period begins
- ◆ Finalization of the adoption



## Contact The Barker Foundation Today

If you have been thinking about adopting a child, or have questions about our services, please contact us at **1-800-673-8489**.

You can also visit our web site at: [www.barkerfoundation.org](http://www.barkerfoundation.org) or email us at [info@barkerfoundation.org](mailto:info@barkerfoundation.org).



### Who We Are

The Barker Foundation is a non-profit adoption agency licensed in the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, and internationally in Colombia. Founded in 1945, the agency has helped over 6,000 children find homes since that time. Barker is a full-service agency providing comprehensive adoption services throughout the life cycle, for birth families, adoptive parents, and persons who were adopted.

### Adopting a Child

A successful adoption begins with thorough preparation. At Barker, we prepare you through:

- ◆ Information Seminars
- ◆ Pre-adoption group education
- ◆ Careful review and evaluation of your options
- ◆ A comprehensive home study
- ◆ Waiting parents' support groups

Barker offers you many possible adoption programs from which you can determine the right path for your family, including:

### The Domestic Program

There are three options for couples and singles within the Domestic Program. Our *comprehensive* option provides complete services to adoptive parents and birth parents including support, counseling, adoption education, outreach, placement and post-placement support. Each adoption plan is unique, and our adoptive families have input into the process, so that it feels comfortable. Our *individual services* option allows adoptive families to utilize components of Barker's services, such as the home study and post-placement services, or counseling for the birth parents if located in MD, VA and DC. Families who use our individual services take a more active role in the adoption process and are pursuing an independent adoption or working with an agency outside the DC Metropolitan area. Barker's *older child adoption program*, Project Wait No Longer, seeks to find permanent homes for children ages 6-17 who are currently in the foster care system. Families will receive valuable training, support through every phase of the adoption process and the opportunity to connect with other families who are also considering adopting an older child. Whether you choose to be a part of Barker's comprehensive or individual services program, or our older child adoption program, our staff is here to support you throughout the adoption process.



### The International Program

Our International Program has been placing children from other countries for more than 30 years. Wait times vary, depending on the country. Barker currently helps families to adopt from many countries, including China, Colombia, Ethiopia, Guatemala, India, and Korea. Families who adopt through Barker's international programs are encouraged to become active in area support groups dedicated to helping children explore, honor, and integrate their heritage. Humanitarian assistance is also provided through our international outreach efforts.

### Family & Post-Adoption Services

The Barker Foundation provides a full range of post-adoption services to adopted persons and birth and adoptive families. Services include individual and family counseling, assistance with search and reunion, provision of social and medical history information for individuals adopted through the agency, and homeland tours for adoptees and their parents to the countries of birth. Barker also facilitates support groups for birth parents, young adult adoptees, and parents of adopted teens. Saturday Workshops are offered for 1st and 2nd grades and for 3rd through 5th graders. Middle school activities and Teen Weekend are also important components of our services. Finally, Barker's Annual Conference is part of the Metro Washington landscape and provides an opportunity for greater understanding of significant adoption issues.