

## The Barker Foundation

### INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION PROGRAM INFORMATION

COUNTRY	COUNTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARENTS	CHILDREN AVAILABLE & AGE AT REFERRAL	APPROXIMATE TIME FOR REFERRAL AND PLACEMENT*	TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS	APPROX ADOPTION FEES**
<p><b>CHINA</b></p> <p>Central Authority: China Center for Children's Welfare and Adoption (CCCWA)</p>	<p>1. Married couples accepted. Must have been married for at least two years. If either parent has been previously divorced, current marriage must be at least 5 years. Each parent cannot have more than two divorces.</p> <p>2. All adopting parents must be at least 30 years of age and under 50 years of age at the time of submission of their dossier. Generally, one parent must be 30-45 to adopt an infant.</p> <p>3. No more than four children at home.</p> <p>4. Minimum household income: \$10,000 per household member and minimum net worth of \$80,000</p> <p>5. All adopting parents must be in good health physically, mentally and emotionally with a Body Mass Index below 40.</p> <p>6. Any criminal history will be closely reviewed on a case-by-case basis.</p>	<p>Healthy infants 6 to 14 months at referral through fourteen years of age. Children are either in orphanage or foster care home.</p> <p>The majority of the children were enrolled into orphanages after being abandoned by their birth parent(s). There is usually no information known about the birth parents.</p>	<p>Currently, about five and a half years after we submitted family's dossier to China, family should receive a referral of a child and travels about 6 to 12 weeks after accepting the referral.***</p> <p>May be expedited for adopting children over six years of age, or if adopting parents are of Chinese descent.</p> <p>(At present the wait for referral continues to increase.)</p>	<p>Two weeks</p> <p>Depends on how quickly provincial authorities prepare final paperwork and availability of appointments at the U.S. Consulate.</p> <p>At least one parent must travel. We strongly recommend both parents travel.</p>	<p><b>Barker Fee for Full Service Clients (training, placement, home study, and post-placement supervision): \$9,275</b></p> <p><b>International Fee: \$8,150</b></p> <p><b>Barker Fee for Placement Services Only clients: \$5,500</b></p>
<p><b>CHINA WAITING CHILDREN</b></p> <p>Central Authority: China Center for Children's Welfare and Adoption (CCCWA)</p>	<p>Same requirements for the China program apply, except parents must be under 55 years of age at the time of dossier submission and single women can adopt through this program.</p>	<p>Infant through 14 years of age. Children with a wide range of special needs, from minor correctable to more severe permanent physical needs. Healthy children who are over eight years of age sometimes are placed through this program as well.</p>	<p>A child can be identified once the family completes their home study or dossier. The more open the family is, the less time it takes to identify a child. Once a child is identified, the family travels within six-eight months.</p>	<p>Two weeks</p> <p>Depends on how quickly provincial authorities prepare final paperwork and availability of appointments at the U.S. Consulate. At least one parent must travel. We strongly recommend both parents travel.</p>	<p><b>Barker Fee for Full Service Clients (training, placement, home study, and post-placement supervision): \$9,275</b></p> <p><b>International Fee: \$7,730 or \$8,150</b></p> <p><b>Barker Fee for Placement Services Only Clients: \$5,500</b></p>

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<p><b>COLOMBIA</b></p> <p>Central Authority: Bienestar</p> <p>Foreign Partner: FANA (Fundación para la Asistencia de la Niñez Abandonada)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Couples married for at least 2 ½ years.</li> <li>All adoptive parents must be at least 25 years old. Parents can't be older than 38 to adopt a child 0-3 years old.</li> <li>No more than one child already in the home.</li> <li>Adopting parents possess the physical, mental, moral and social suitability to provide a good and stable home to the adopted child.</li> </ol>	<p>Infant 6 - 18 months at referral or older children. Parents are required to be flexible with the gender of the child.</p> <p>Colombia – The majority of children were relinquished to the orphanage by the birth mothers. The orphanage has information on birth mothers in most cases and a lot of times, the birth mothers stay in a Home for Birth Mothers during pregnancy. Children could potentially search for their birth mother in some cases after they turn 18.</p>	<p>Referral of child approximately 24-36 months after dossier sent to Colombia. For families where one spouse holds a Colombian passport, referral of child might be expedited.</p> <p>Once the family accepts the referral, they can travel in four weeks.</p>	<p>Four to six weeks (both parents must stay for the first 7-10 days).</p>	<p><b>Barker Fee for Full Service Clients (training, placement, home study, and post-placement supervision): \$9275</b></p> <p><b>International Fee: \$12,400</b></p> <p><b>Barker Fee for Placement Services Only Clients: \$5,500</b></p>
<p><b>ETHIOPIA (Networking Program with Wide Horizons for Children)</b></p> <p><i>[This program is only open to families who are open to a child three years and up at present time.]</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Couples married for at least 2 years and single women are accepted.</li> <li>Parents between the age of 25 and 50 may adopt a child of any age. Parents over 50 are eligible to adopt children 4 years of age and older.</li> </ol>	<p>Healthy infants 6-18 months at referral. Toddlers, older children and sibling groups available.</p> <p>The majority of children are relinquished for adoption by the birth mother. Ethiopia strongly encourages that the adoptive parent(s) meet the birth mother.</p>	<p>Currently, 12-24 months to receive a referral for a child 0-3 years of age and less than 12 months to receive a referral for a child over 3 years after the dossier is submitted to Ethiopia. Parents may travel for their first trip in 1-5 months once they accept the referral. The second trip is likely to take place in another 3-8 weeks. [Due to new changes in country, the wait between referral and travel may increase.]</p>	<p>Two trips. One week for each trip.</p>	<p><b>Barker Fee: \$4,225</b></p> <p><b>WHFC and International Fee: \$15,950</b></p> <p><b>This program is available through Barker for families residing in metropolitan DC only.</b></p>
<p><b>INDIA</b></p> <p>Central Authority: Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To adopt a healthy young child, the prospective adoptive parents need to be Indian passport holders or OCI (Overseas Citizen of India) card holders [Non-Indian families can adopt a child with special needs or an older child]</li> <li>Married couples with five years of stable relationship accepted.</li> <li>Parents should be at least 30 years of age and no more than 45 years of age to adopt an infant. Married couples willing to adopt an</li> </ol>	<p>Children 10 to 36 months at referral. Infants &amp; toddlers with minor-significant medical needs are available. Older children also available.</p>	<p>Due to recent changes to the adoption process in India, wait time for a referral is hard to predict. After referral, it takes about 4-8 months for family to bring their child home.</p>	<p>5 - 10 days</p> <p>If married, at least one parent must travel. We strongly recommend both parents travel.</p>	<p><b>Barker Fee for Full Service Clients (training, placement, home study, and post-placement supervision) : \$9,275</b></p> <p><b>International Fee: \$10,500</b></p> <p><b>Barker Fee for Placement Services</b></p>

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	<p>older child can be no older than 55 and the combined age of both parents should not exceed 90 years.</p> <p>4. There must be an age difference of 21 years or more between adoptive parents and child.</p>				<p><b>Only Clients: \$5,500</b></p>
<p><b>KOREA</b></p> <p>Partner Agency in Country: Social Welfare Society, Inc.</p>	<p>1. Couples married three years or longer are accepted. Each parent cannot have more than one divorce. No more than a ten year age difference between spouses.</p> <p>2. All adopting parents must be at least 25 years old and must be under the age of 45 by the time of placement.</p> <p>3. All adopting parents must be in good health physically, mentally and emotionally with a maximum permissible Body Mass Index not to exceed 30 percent. Medical situations reviewed on case-by-case basis.</p> <p>4. Family cannot have more than four children already in the home.</p> <p>5. Minimum household income of \$30,000.</p> <p>6. Any criminal history will need to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.</p>	<p>Healthy infants 10 to 12 months at referral. All children are in foster care homes.</p> <p>Korea-Most children available for adoption are placed by unmarried mothers who are concerned about the stigma against children who are born out of wedlock. The referrals presented typically have a fair amount of information about the birth mother and many times, information about birth father as well.</p> <p>The agency in South Korea offers and strongly encourages use of their post-placement support services for birthmothers and adopted children. This includes exchanges of letters and pictures and possible reunions. However, due to the ongoing stigma, many birthmothers chose not to have a relationship with the adopted child.</p>	<p>Approximately 24 months after submission of your dossier to Korea. On average, travel clearance is granted 4 months after the referral is accepted.</p>	<p>Parents must travel to Korea and may do so upon receipt of the child's travel clearance. Parents should plan to be in Korea for one week.</p> <p>Parents may use the escort option only when extenuating circumstances exist.</p>	<p><b>Barker Fee for Full Service Clients (training, placement, home study, and post-placement supervision) : \$9,275</b></p> <p><b>International Fee: \$18,040 (effective January, 2011)</b></p> <p><b>Barker Fee for Placement Services Only Clients: \$5,500</b></p>

\* Time frames are based on our current experience and feedback in each country at the time this was printed. Please understand that for any country, time frames can fluctuate (increase *and* decrease) over time. Therefore, the time frames for your adoption several months from now may not exactly match the current time frame estimates above. Once you begin the adoption process through a particular country, Barker will keep you advised if time frames change for your country of adoption.

\*\* For full service clients, the Barker Fee includes in-person training, home study, dossier guidance, and three post placement reports in addition to standard program services. The International Fee does not include USCIS fees or travel expenses. Fees are subject to change and may vary based on the jurisdictional home of the applicants.

\*\*\* Referrals from China are typically received in chronological order based on the date your complete and correct dossier is submitted to the China Center for Children's Welfare and Adoption, regardless of agency.

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