China Fact Sheet

I. Barker Adoption Services Providers For the six services defined in Regulations under Hague

1. Identifying a child for adoption and arranging an adoption.

Central Authority – China Center for Children's Welfare and Adoption

2. Securing the necessary consent to termination of parental rights and to adoption;

Central Authority – China Center for Children's Welfare and Adoption through government-run orphanages

Note: The children adopted from China were either abandoned or orphaned. Relinquishment is not allowed under the Chinese laws. What the Chinese authority secure is the abandonment verification from the local police or death certificates of birth parents.

3. Performing a background study on a child or a home study on a prospective adoptive parent(s), and reporting on such a study;

1) Child Study:

Central Authority – China Center for Children's Welfare and Adoption through Government –run orphanages

2) Home Study:

Exempt Provider: Contracted social workers/ networked out of area adoption agency

4. Making non-judicial determinations of the best interests of a child and the appropriateness of an adoptive placement for the child;

Central Authority – China Center for Children's Welfare and Adoption

5. Monitoring a case after a child has been placed with prospective adoptive parent(s) until final adoption;

Primary Provider: The Barker Adoption Foundation
Exempt Providers: contracted social workers/networked out of area adoption agencies
Note: All adoptions are final in China, so no post-placement supervision is involved. Barker provides post adoption supervision through its exempt providers.

6. When necessary because of disruption before final adoption, assuming custody and providing (including facilitating the provision of) child care or any other social service pending an alternative placement.

Primary Provider: The Barker Adoption Foundation (Barker may work with an Exempt Provider when the family lives out of state.)

Note: Because all adoptions are final in China, there is no potential disruption involved. Barker provides post adoption services to as outlined in its Service Plan and Agreement.

II. Referral

1. Referral information is provided by the Chinese Central Authority – CCCWA. The CCCWA sends the referral information to agencies via DHL express mail.
2. Referral information is prepared by state-run orphanages using the standard forms provided by the CCCWA. It is reviewed and approved by the provincial Civil Affairs Bureau and the CCCWA before a child can be referred to a family.
3. Standard referral information includes the following:

1) CCCWA referral letter (includes child's name and names for prospective adoptive parents)
2) Child's Physical Examination Report
3) Child's Development Report (includes history of admission to orphanage, available background information, history of child's progress of physical growth and development [measurements] and immunizations, summary of child's living history, summary of child's physical development in terms of feeding/sleeping, motor coordination and social development)
4) Child's Development Checklist
5) Lab reports on blood testing (Blood Count, Hepatitis B, HIV and Syphilis)
6) Diagnosis for children with medical conditions
7) Photos

4. For the regular China program, referral information is presented in Chinese only and Barker's staff provides translation as part of their services; For the China Waiting Children program, the CCCWA provides translation.
5. When additional information is requested by a family, Barker makes every effort to obtain the information through the CCCWA, provincial Civil Affairs Bureau or the orphanage as permitted.

III. China's Post Adoption Requirements

In addition to Barker's standard requirement of three post-placement/post-adoption supervisory reports (at one month, three months, six months respectively), China requires the following post adoption reports:

twelve months

two years

three years

four years

five years

Additionally, eight photographs of the child and the child's adoptive family are required to be submitted to the CCCWA with each report.