

# The Barker Adoption 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 WAITING CHILDREN</b></p> <p>Central Authority: China Center for Children's Welfare and Adoption (CCCWA)</p>	<p>1. Heterosexual married couple or single woman accepted. Couples must have been married for at least two years. If either parent has been previously divorced twice, current marriage must be at least five years. Each parent cannot have more than two divorces. (Cohabitation before marriage can be considered.)</p> <p>2. All adopting parents must be at least 30 years of age. There is no upper age limit, but the age difference between the younger parent and the child can't exceed 50.</p> <p>3. Minimum annual household income: \$30,000 plus additional \$10,000 per child in home; Minimum household net worth of \$80,000 (\$100,000 for single parents).</p> <p>4. All adopting parents must be in good health physically, mentally and emotionally with a Body Mass Index below 40. Medical situations reviewed on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>5. There can be no more than five children in the home who are under 18 (two for single parents) and the youngest child needs to be three or older.</p> <p>6. All adopting parents must show good moral characters with no criminal history. History of minor offenses reviewed on a case-by-case basis.</p>	<p>Children infant - 14 years of age, with a wide range of identified medical needs, from minor correctable to more severe permanent needs, while infants are rarely seen. Children with no known medical issues 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 five to six 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.</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): \$12,125-12,325</b></p> <p><b>Barker Fee for Placement Services Only Clients: \$7,550</b></p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>International Fee: \$3,450-8,850</b></p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>US Government Fees: \$1,600 (plus \$85/adult fingerprinting fee)</b></p>

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<p><b>COLOMBIA</b></p> <p>Central Authority: Colombian Family Welfare Institute (ICBF)</p> <p>International Partner: FANA (Fundación para la Asistencia de la Niñez Abandonada)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Married couple or single woman accepted. Married couples have to be married for at least two years.</li> <li>2. All adoptive parents must be at least 25 years old. Parents between 25-45, can adopt a child under 5; while parents between 46-50, can adopt a child over 5.</li> <li>3. There must be one parent who is a Colombian passport holder to adopt a healthy young child. Non-Colombian families can adopt a child with special needs, a child older than seven, or a sibling group of three children or more.</li> <li>4. All adoptive parents must be in good health physically, mentally and emotionally.</li> </ol>	<p>6 months – 18 years at referral. Sibling groups are available. Parents are required to be flexible with the gender of the child.</p> <p>Some children were relinquished to the orphanage by the birth mothers, while others may have been removed from their birth families due to abuse/neglect. The orphanage has information on birth mothers/families in most cases. In a lot of relinquishment cases, 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 a child is estimated to be under two years after dossier sent to Colombia. For families adopting an older child, a large sibling group or a child with special needs, the process may be expedited.</p> <p>Once the family accepts the referral, they can travel in four to six weeks.</p>	<p>About six-ten weeks (both parents must stay for the first two weeks).</p> <p>Note: Colombia is in the process of reducing this stay to three weeks (both parents must stay for the first week.)</p>	<p><b>Barker Fee for Full Service Clients (training, placement, home study, and post-placement supervision): \$12,825-13,025</b></p> <p><b>Barker Fee for Placement Services Only Clients: \$7,550</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>International Fee: \$9,500-10,500</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>US Government Fees: \$1,600 (plus \$85/adult fingerprinting fee)</b></p>
<p><b>INDIA</b></p> <p>Central Authority: Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Heterosexual married couple with two years of stable marriage. Singles may be eligible.</li> <li>2. Domestic families in India and NRI families will be given priority in being considered for any child in the program.</li> <li>3. Parents should be at minimum of 25 years of age. To adopt a child up to four years of age the combined age of both parents should not exceed 90 years (45 for singles). To adopt a child 4-8 years of age, the combined age can be no greater than 100 (50 for singles).</li> <li>4. Families with three or more children can only adopt a child with identified special needs and/or older.</li> </ol>	<p>Children one of age and older at time of referral, even though most children are over two. Children with medical issues and/or older, sibling groups are in need of families.</p>	<p>Wait time for a referral has ranged from 12 – 18 months lately and is expected to increase. After referral, it takes about 6-10 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) : \$12,625-12,825</b></p> <p><b>Barker Fee for Placement Services Only Clients: \$7,550</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>International Fee: \$11,000-13,000</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>US Government Fees: \$1,600 (plus \$85/adult fingerprinting fee)</b></p>

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<p><b>KOREA</b></p> <p>International Partner: Social Welfare Society, Inc.</p>	<p>1. Heterosexual married couples who have been married three years or longer. Each parent cannot have more than one divorce. No more than a ten year age difference between spouses.</p> <p>1. Parents must be at least 25 years old and must be under the age of 45 by the time of paperwork submission to Korea. The upper age limit can be extended to 50 when at least one of the parents is of Korean descent or is an adoptee, or if the family already has a child adopted from Korea.</p> <p>2. 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>3. Family cannot have more than four children already in the home.</p> <p>4. Minimum household income of \$30,000.</p> <p>5. All adopting parents must show good moral characters with no criminal history. History of minor offenses reviewed on a case-by-case basis.</p>	<p>Infants 6 to 12 months at referral. All children are in foster care homes.</p> <p>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 birth mothers and adopted children. This includes exchanges of letters and pictures and possible reunions with the adopted person. However, due to the ongoing stigma, many birthmothers chose not to have a relationship with the adopted child.</p>	<p>Under six months after submission of family's dossier to Korea. Family could travel 9-11 months after referral acceptance.</p>	<p>Two trips about one month apart. About a week for each trip.</p>	<p><b>Barker Fee for Full Service Clients (training, placement, home study, and post-placement supervision) : \$12,325</b></p> <p><b>Barker Fee for Placement Services Only Clients: \$7,550</b></p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>International Fee: \$21,040</b></p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>US Government Fees: \$1,275 (plus \$85/adult fingerprinting fee)</b></p>

\* Barker is currently only placing children under seven years of age through our international programs. Exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

\*\* 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 post placement reports in addition to standard program services. The International Fee includes fees paid to the foreign country but does not include travel expenses. The US Government Fees include USCIS filing fee of \$775 for I-600/I-800 and IAAME Hague Monitoring & Oversight Fee of \$500. In addition to what is listed above, there are additional miscellaneous expenses involved in the paperwork collection process. Fees are subject to change and may vary based on the jurisdictional home of the applicants.

\*\*\*\* Families living in DC: please ask us for our sliding scale fee agreement for DC residents.

\*\*\*\*\* Detailed Country Fee Schedules are available per request.

The following information is available upon request: 1) the number of Barker placements that occurred and remained stable within recent years (this information is also included in Barker's Annual Reports, which are available on the Agency's website); 2) the number of parents who apply on an annual basis; and 3) the number of children eligible and awaiting an adoptive placement referral.

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