






## Intercountry Adoption at Sunny Ridge Family Center: A Brief Overview of Countries and Children Available

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Country	Children available	Travel	Benefits/Issues to Consider	Eligibility	Medical Information	Time frame	Program
<b>China</b> 	Mostly girls available; children usually between 11-13 months at time of placement.	Group travel and one trip of 16 days. One parent may travel.	China has a relatively stable process and large network of support groups in the Chicago area.	Applicant families must enjoy good health, with no arrest or criminal record. No more than three children already in the home.	Usually good medical information available at time of referral. No birth family information available.	Estimated time period, from the time your dossier is mailed to the time your referral arrives, is more than 24 months, but it is anticipated that wait times will gradually lengthen and could reach three to four years.	Sunny Ridge Family Center Direct Placement Program
<b>Colombia</b>	Boys and girls available, infants and older. Sibling groups available.	One trip of four to six weeks; both parents must travel	Younger children available	No more than one other child in the family. Parents must be ages 25-40. Older families receive referrals of older children based on parent's ages. Single applicants must be open to older children; some programs require infertility statement.	Usually detailed medical information available.	Presently takes 9 to 36 months or more to receive referral.	Partner Program: Wide Horizons for Children, Children's Home Society & Family Services, Los Ninos
<b>Ethiopia</b>	Boys and girls available, infants and older. Sibling groups available.	One or both parents may travel	Fees are lower than many other programs and travel escort is also available; flexible requirements.	Open to single and married couples. Applicants must be between the ages of 25 and 55; applicants over age 50 are eligible to adopt children four years and older.	All children tested for HIV and Hepatitis B; basic medical information and occasionally some family background	For infants, placement occurs within 22 months of dossier mailing; one to 12 months for older children.	Adoption Advocates International; Wide Horizons for Children; Children's Home Society, CWA
<b>Guatemala</b>  <i>Program Currently on hold.</i>	Boys and girls available; boy referrals come more quickly as many boys in need of placement.	Short trip of three to four days. Escort available.	Children reside in private foster care home. Cost is somewhat more expensive than other programs.	Fairly lenient adoptive parent requirements; singles are welcome as well as parents up to age 50.	Fairly reliable medical reporting. Many children have been placed in foster homes. Information on birth mothers occasionally available.	Average of 12 months; tends to be shorter for boys.	Sunny Ridge Family Center Direct Placement Program
<b>Kazakhstan</b>	Boys and girls, eight months and up; Asian and Eurasian children.	Travel can be demanding; Two trips, or one trip that can last four weeks depending on region.	No detailed referral information prior to travel; both parents must travel	Singles and married may apply. Must be 50 or younger to adopt an infant	Information received in country	Process usually completed within 12 months of dossier mailing.	Partner Program: World Child, MAPS & Los Ninos
<b>India</b>	Boys and girls available.	One trip up to 14 days	Strong preference for families of Indian descent. Non-Indian families must be open to special needs	Parents must be between ages 28-45 with no more than two children in the family. Must be married two years. Childless couples preferred.	Limited medical information	Process takes up to 24 months and is unstable at times.	Partner Program: Children's Home Society & Family Services; WHFC
<b>Korea</b>	Mostly boys available, but must be open to either gender. Children under 14 months available.	Five to 7 days, or escort available	Children reside in foster care prior to placement. Predictable adoption process.	Strict requirements. Parents must be between 25-44 years of age. Married three years, with no divorces and no serious medical issues.	Referral and medical information quite thorough. Some children will have identified medical needs, most are minor and medically correctable.	Usually completed within 12 to 14 months.	Partner Program: Children's Home Society & Family Services; Spence-Chapin Services

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<b>Lithuania</b> 	Caucasian children primarily above the age of six, as well as some with special needs, or sibling groups.	Two trips; one trip required for court hearing; parent must then return in 40 days following court hearing to bring child home.	Large network in Chicago area; singles eligible; Concerns about rate of fetal alcohol effect/syndrome.	Open to singles and married between the ages of 25 to 49 years of age. No length of marriage requirement, previous marriages also accepted; must be in good health.	Medical information can be difficult to interpret and requires experienced medical evaluation.	Process usually completed within 12 months.	Sunny Ridge Family Center Direct Placement Program
<b>Philippines</b>	Boys and girls available, but must be open to either gender. More boys available; placement of boys usually occurs under 18 months. Sibling groups available.	Short trip of one week or less at the time of placement. Only one parent required to travel.	Lower fees. Children are of Malay/Spanish/Chinese heritage. Minimal paperwork requirements. Preference for families of Filipino descent.	Married couples may apply; applicants must be between 27-47 years of age and no more than three children already in the family. No more than one divorce. Practice of religious belief important.	Background, medical, and developmental information usually available.	Average of 18 to 24 months for referral	Partner Program: Wide Horizons for Children
<b>Russia</b>	Caucasian children available, ages 14 months to teen.	Two trips required; both parents must travel.	Concerns about rate of fetal alcohol effect/syndrome. Russia can be more costly program.	Open to singles and married up to 52 years of age.	Medical information can be difficult to interpret and requires experienced medical evaluation.	Process usually completed within 14 to 16 months.	Partner Program: MAPS, World Child, Children's Home Society & Family Services, Wide Horizons for Children; CWA
<b>Taiwan</b>	Girls and boys, ages three years and older.	Requires one parent to travel for one week; prefer both parents travel.	May have opportunity for post-placement contact with birth mother. Approval of birth mother often part of process. Some children are in foster care.	Married couples between 30-45 years of age. Must be married five years; parents with less than three children are given preference.	Amount of medical information varies dependent on program chosen.	Usually 12 months; process varies dependent on program.	Children's Home Society & Family Services, Wide Horizons for Children
<b>Ukraine</b>	Caucasian boys and girls available; 18 months old and up.	Requires one three to four-week trip to Ukraine, or two shorter trips.	There are multiple visits with child before the court process. Parents travel to orphanages to visit identified children available for adoption. Orphanage care varies greatly as do cost. Concerns about prenatal exposure to drugs and alcohol.	Married couples eligible. Married couples must be married two years. Ages 24-49, and in good health.	Families receive medical and referral information on child while in Ukraine.	Process is usually under 14 months.	Christian World Adoption, Children's Home Society & Family Services

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Bulgaria (Spence Chapin & CWA)  
 Moldova (Spence Chapin)  
 Mexico (Children's Home Society & Family Services)  
 Waiting International Children (Special Needs programs – Wide Horizons for Children;  
 Children's Home Society & Family Services)