

Adopting from China

Sunny Ridge Family Center

Sunny Ridge Family Center can provide your family with adoption services through our China Adoption Program. Our China program is a direct placement program meaning Sunny Ridge can offer comprehensive services, from application to post-placement, for families in Illinois and Indiana. For out-of-state families, we can work with you as your placing agency. Since our program began in 1994, Sunny Ridge has placed over 800 children from China.

Children In Need of A Family

The China adoption program placed approximately 5,400 children last year with families in the United States. There are many societal issues underlying the reasons for children being available for adoption from China. Issues such as poverty, the population control of the Han majority, natural disasters and illegitimacy are all reasons Chinese children are made available for both domestic and international adoption. A strong cultural reason, especially in the country side, of a preference for a male child contributes to the fact that the majority of the children available are female. Children available through this program are primarily above the age of 10 months at placement, are relatively healthy, have a low risk of alcohol exposure and reside in welfare institutes.

Requirements

Married couples between the ages of 30 and 50 may apply for the adoption of a child from China. Applicants must have a high school education, show a positive net worth of \$80,000, be financially stable, have a BMI under 40, have no criminal history, and be in good physical and mental health. Applicants must be married at least two years, and have no more than two previous marriages. If either spouse has one or two previous marriages, the current marriage needs to be a minimum of five years. Families with up to four children residing in the home may apply.

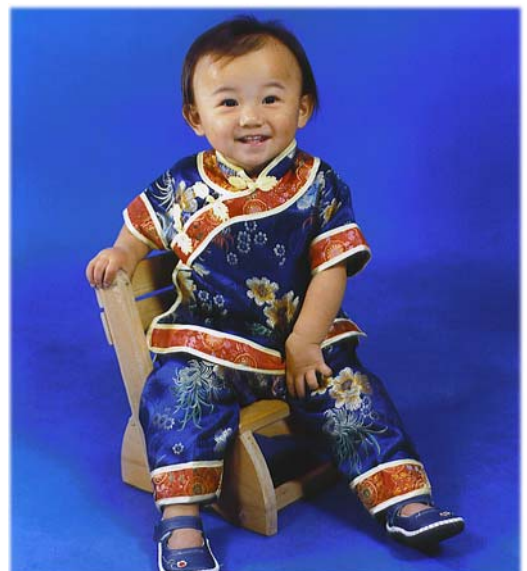
The Adoption Process

Adopting a child from China is now taking more than 32 months once your dossier is mailed to China. It is anticipated that wait times will lengthen and could reach three to four plus years. Families adopting from China are required to have an approved home study conducted by a licensed adoption agency, as well as clearance from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service. During the travel portion of the adoption process, translation and transportation services are arranged through the Sunny Ridge representative in China. When possible, families travel in a group for their 16-day trip to China. Families are assisted throughout their trip and adoption process by a Sunny Ridge staff person residing in China. Both parents are recommended to travel however one parent can travel if needed. The adoption is finalized in China and the family is given an adoption decree upon finalization. In order for your child to leave China, the following documents are needed: Abandonment certificate, birth certificate, Adoption decree, your child's passport and U.S. visa.

Post Placement Requirements

Post adoption visits and reports are required at one month, six-months, and 12-months post-placement. For Illinois and Indiana residents, the cost of these post placement visits is included in the Program Fee.

Sunny Ridge Family Center is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children. Sunny Ridge Family Center is a Hague accredited agency. Sunny Ridge Family Center is licensed as a child welfare agency by the Illinois Department of Child and Family Services (#019976).



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China Adoption Service Fee Schedule of Expected Fees and Estimated Expenses for Illinois and Indiana Residents

	Service	Fee	Notes/Descriptions
Services provided by Sunny Ridge Family Center and paid in the U.S. ¹	Application fee (non-refundable)	\$250	Payment to Sunny Ridge Family Center due with application
	Initial home study	\$2,800	Payment to Sunny Ridge Family Center due at first session of home study*
	Subsequent home study	\$2,000	(for a subsequent adoption when Sunny Ridge completed first home study) Payment to Sunny Ridge Family Center due at first home study session*
	Home study update, required annually and for significant changes	\$500	Payment to Sunny Ridge Family Center due at time service provided
	Required pre-home study educational session	\$100	Payment to Sunny Ridge Family Center due at time service provided
	Home study update for cases transitioning from I-600A to I-800A (Hague) process	Ranges from \$750 to \$1,000	This service fee is individually assessed; in some cases your home study may need to be updated, as required annually, or for significant changes.
	Sunny Ridge Family Center program services	\$9,200	Includes facilitating your adoption with agency and government officials in the United States and abroad, coordinating services with your local social worker, administrative/office expenses and telephone expenses. This fee also includes three post-adoption visits, document translations and report filing. Payment is due to Sunny Ridge Family Center in two installments: \$5,000 due at time of dossier submission \$4,200 due at time of referral acceptance (additional fee of \$2,150 for adoption of twins)
	Final Court Report	\$0	No cost if interim order presented within 60 days of final post placement/post adoption visit; if order presented after 60 days of final post placement/post adoption visit, fee is \$350 and a visit will be required. Payment to Sunny Ridge Family Center due at time of visit
	Travel outside a 50-mile radius of Sunny Ridge	\$50	Hourly charge
	Third Party Fees paid in the U.S. ¹	CCAA application	\$750
CCAA document translation		\$300	Payment due with submission of dossier
I-800A		\$670	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service fees paid directly to CIS; Payment due at time of submission of 800A to USCIS; valid for 15 mos. – refiling may be required
Fingerprinting per adult		\$80	Payment due at time of fingerprinting to US CIS; required for each adult in the home, age 18 and older; Valid for 15 months, may require reprinting
Dossier documents state seals, Chinese Consulate seals		\$315	Paid directly to Illinois/Indiana Secretary of State & Chinese Consulate; payment due at time of sealing documents; based on average of 14 documents
Parents' Visa		\$260	Fee is \$130 for each parent; payment passed through Sunny Ridge Family Center to Chinese Consulate; due prior to travel
Third Party Fees Paid in China ¹	In country legal/processing fees	\$1,300	Average fee; payment due to provincial government at time of adoption proceedings; includes adoption registration, notary fee, passport, pictures
	Welfare institute donation	\$5,100	Payment due to provincial government at time of adoption proceedings; payable in 35,000 RMB
	Child's Visa	\$400	Payment due to U.S. Consulate at U.S. Consulate appointment
	Child's Medical Exam for Visa	\$100	Payment due to clinic at time of medical exam
Travel	Airfare, hotels, food, transportation	\$6000 to \$8,000	Estimate price per couple based on 16-day round trip to China, coach airfare, moderate hotels, translator; translator expenses are shared by the travel group and will vary based on group size. Payment due to service providers before and during trip. Shopping not included
Adoption Preparation and Training	Adoption Preparation Training	\$200 to \$500	Various training options available and payment made to training vendors

¹All third party fees are set by other entities and subject to change without notice.

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