

# **Overview of International Adoption Programs:**

## **Russia & China**

(Effective 12/1/08)

<b>Country</b>	<b>Children Available</b>	<b>Time Until Assignment</b>	<b>Length of Travel</b>	<b>Foreign Fee</b>
<b>Russia</b>	Infants, Toddlers and older children	3-9 months after dossier is submitted	2 Trips 1 <sup>st</sup> 7 days* 2 <sup>nd</sup> 7-21 days*	\$18,900.00*
<b>China</b>	Mostly Infant Girls, some boys	See CCAA website	1 Trip 14 days*	\$12,000*
<b>Vietnam</b>	Infants, Toddlers, girls and boys	<b>-Currently closed-</b>	1 Trip 2-3 weeks	\$12,900**

**ACW Agency Fee** for all countries is **\$6,000.00**

The agency service fee for the second child is **\$3,000.00**

The Foreign fee for the two children is twice the foreign fee.\*

- Please note: Length of travel is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances and individual cases
- \* Please note: Foreign Fees are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances in international adoption and variation among regions.

I/We have read the cost sheets and acknowledge the policies. I waive any claims now or in the future that may arise as a result of any unforeseen changes. ACW can make no refunds of any fees or expenses already paid to the Agency or to any foreign country entity on my/our behalf. All fees payable to the Agency are non-refundable for services rendered and expenses incurred on my/our behalf. Invoices shall be promptly paid in full.

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Applicant Date

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Applicant Date

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Adoption Center of Washington

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Date

(valid **ONLY** when signed by agency Social Worker)

## **ADOPTION CENTER OF WASHINGTON**

### **Process Before Travel:**

All prospective adoptive parents working with our agency go through the following process:

1. Apply with our agency by filling out and submitting our application (see enclosed) along with a check for \$300 & a photo of your family. (non-refundable first agency fee)
2. Contact USCIS (US CITIZENSHIP IMMIGRATION SERVICE) at <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis> to print "I-600A" or I-800 for Hague countries such as China, Application for Advanced Processing of Orphan Petition) or call 1-800-870-3676 to order the international adoption packet. The answers are found on our website at [www.adoptioncenter.com](http://www.adoptioncenter.com) under getting started. See the *Adoption Information* packet for FAQ regarding filling out the I-600A form.
3. Obtain your own FedEx account number (at various points in the process we need to FedEx your Dossier documents to the foreign country and this number will allow you to keep track of your account). To do this, call: **1-800-GOFEDEx**. Provide your number on your application to ACW.
4. Attend our Adoption with Open Eyes course or complete your pre adoption requirement by taking an online class. Please check ACW's website for dates and cost of the class.
5. Begin the home study process (if you do not already have a current favorable, home study). ACW's home study fee is \$1,500 plus the current cost of FBI & CPS clearances if you live in VA.
6. Gather documents for your Dossier (e.g. birth certificates, marriage certificates, etc). Your caseworker will assist you with this process.
7. Attend our Child Care Class (if you are a first-time parent and if you live in the Washington Metropolitan area). Cost: \$50 for a single and \$75 for a couple. Please check website for dates of the class.
8. Complete your home study, gather and authenticate all documents necessary for dossier, receive USCIS approval and submit dossier documents to the country you are adopting from. (pay 2<sup>nd</sup> agency fee, acceptance into the program, \$3,000)
9. Receive and accept referral (pay last portion of agency fee, \$2,700)
10. Attend a Travel Meeting with your caseworker to discuss traveling particulars in the foreign country.

# RUSSIA

## **-Fact Sheet-**

### General Information:

The *Adoption Center of Washington* has been working in Russia placing children in adoptive homes since 1992. We primarily work in the regions of Perm, Khabarovsk, Krasnyarsk and Yekaterinburg. See our Reference list for names of families who have adopted through this program who would be happy to share their experience with you.

### Children Available from Russia:

Infants and toddlers, and school age boys and girls are available. Siblings and larger family groups are possible to adopt. Every child is different and the health of the children available varies from very minor health issues to larger disabilities.

### Adoption Center of Washington's Eligibilities and Requirements for Prospective Adoptive Parents\*:

- ❖ At least one prospective adoptive parent is between the ages of 25-50\*
- ❖ Single mothers accepted as applicants.

\*Each family's situation is given careful consideration.

### Time Frame:

The adoption paperwork process takes approximately three to nine months. Time frame to travel to Russia is unpredictable. Two trips are required; the first is 7 days long and the second is 10-25 days. The adoption, which takes place on the second trip, will usually occur a week after arrival into the country. An additional ten days waiting period will take place after your court date. Then an additional three days to receive your exit visa for your child from the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. A new CIS procedure may mean a longer time frame in Moscow during the visa processing starting 2/1/09.

### Travel to Russia:

Prospective adoptive parents are both required to be at the court hearing. One parent may leave after the court hearing on the second trip. The other parent can complete the process with a power of attorney from the absent spouse.

### Process within Russia\*:

#### **First Trip:**

1. Meet with adoption officials at Department of Education and receive a referral.
2. Meet with child at an orphanage and obtain medical information on child.
3. Consider the adoption of this child and write an acceptance or refusal to the Department of Education.

#### **Second Trip:**

1. Visit child again before Court date
2. Attend the court hearing.
3. 10 day waiting period begins the day after court.
4. Obtain Russian passport and legal papers for adoptee
5. Obtain child's Visa for the U.S. (\$380) in Moscow at US Consulate

**\*Please note: length of travel is subject to change due to various unforeseen circumstances in international adoption**

**Russia's Foreign Fee\*\*:**

The Russian foreign fee is approximately \$18,900. Occasionally certain locations require additional fees. Travel costs such as, round-trip airfare, food; housing, driver, and interpreter **are not included in the foreign fee.**

**\*\*Please note: fees are subject to change without notice due to unforeseen circumstances in international adoption**

**Russia Program**

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Fees paid to ACW	Fees paid to 3 <sup>rd</sup> parties	
	In country	In the USA
Agency fees: \$6,000 <b>\$300</b> application fee	Foreign Fee \$18,900	Travelers Visa: \$170-\$350
<b>\$3,000</b> acceptance into the program fee	<b><u>Breakdown of \$18,900:</u></b> <b>\$2,000</b> Translation and Administrative fees	Dossier Authentications (State level): approx. \$1,500
<b>\$2,700</b> child acceptance fee	\$9,150 Fees and expenses for obtaining documents required for the adoption, and legalizing, copying and other related expenses in regards to court and adoption documentation. Donation/contribution to child welfare programs and child protection programs.	Home Study & Post Placement services (if not using ACW): \$1,500 -\$2,500
For Russia Only: <b>\$1,500</b> Post-adoption deposit <b>\$500</b> Consulate Registration deposit (will be returned in full to client if specified requirements are met)	\$7,750 Humanitarian work Donations Administrative fees and expenses that includes but limited to personnel costs, administrative overhead, training and education,	Travel expenses: -Airfare: \$1600 est. per adult <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Child: 10% of adult ticket for under age 2, 60% of adult ticket for 2-12 years</li> </ul>

	communications and publication cost and any other costs related to providing services.	
<b>Additional:</b>	<b>Additional:</b>	<b>Additional:</b>
-Adoption with Open Eyes Class:\$100/person *	Not included in Foreign Fee: -Child's US Visa: \$380 -Child's Medical Exam for Embassy: \$125 -Child's Medical: \$800-1,200 (to evaluate health)	-I 600a application: \$545 +\$80/adult fingerprinting fee per adult in household payable to USCIS
-Child Care Class: \$50-75/person *	-Hotel: (20 days approx.) -\$65 - \$150 per day	-Adoption Preparation courses/classes
-Books/Videos: \$25	-In country airfare: \$250/person	-Books/Videos: \$25
-Home Study: \$1,500 *	-Travel assistance (driver and translator each) \$75 per trip to airport and \$15.00 an hour	-US Passport
-Post Placement: \$1,000 *	-Translating fee for Visa appointment: \$100	
*if applicable		
<b>Estimated Totals:</b>		
<b>To ACW:</b> \$6,000 agency fee \$18,900 foreign fee <b>=\$24,900+ home study and post placement, consulate registration</b>	<b>In country for hotels, medical eval., airfare, ground transportation, translation of child's documents. \$5,205</b> (excluding foreign fee)	<b>Prior to travel: CIS, training, home study, post placement services, visas, airfare, dossier expenses, etc.</b> (includes all estimated fees above) <b>\$4,090</b>  <b>Total: \$34,195* estimated</b>

# CHINA PROGRAM

## -Fact Sheet-

### **General Information:**

The CCAA has made the following notification:

**“Your organization has successfully passed the appraisal process that the CCAA made for 2005 on the foreign adoption organizations.”** Lu Ying, Director-General of the China Center of Adoption Affairs, April 29, 2006.

**The *Adoption Center of Washington* has been working in China since 1993 and with the China Center for Adoption Affairs since its inception. Jun Li and her Mother, Xuilian, are from Kunming, China, and are our travel assistants. Jun Li lives here in the United States with her husband and children.**

### **Children Available from China:**

Infant girls and very few boys are available for adoption. Children may be mostly healthy or have special needs. Most babies at the time of the referral are approximately 9 to 15 months of age. Older children may be requested. More than one child may be adopted at a time if they are twins or happen to be a part of a sibling group.

### **The following criteria are China’s Eligibility and Requirements for Prospective Adoptive Parents**

- ◆ Home study must be not be written by an independent social worker.
- ◆ Must be physically and mentally healthy.
- ◆ Must not have any contagious or infectious diseases or any medical conditions that would prevent you from caring for a child.
- ◆ Must be married and between the ages of 30 and 50 years old.
- ◆ Please check the CCAA’s website: [www.china-ccaa.org](http://www.china-ccaa.org) for more details and eligibility

### **Time Frame\*:**

Please check the CCAA’s website frequently to see what the current wait time for a referral is from the time of your dossier log in date. A referral for a child is received with a photo and a medical report. Travel is approximately 1 ½ months after accepting a referral for a child. Prospective adoptive parents travel to China once and only one parent must travel. The length of stay in China is approximately 2 weeks.

**\*please note: length of waiting time and travel time is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances in international adoption**

### **Process within China:**

1. The child is seen prior to the adoption, often brought to the hotel.
2. The parents are issued an adoption certificate and documents needed for the visa interview at US Embassy in Guangzhou.
3. The parents are interviewed at the U.S. Consulate in Guangzhou to obtain the child's entry visa to the U.S. Visa usually obtained the following day.

**China's Foreign Fee\*:**

The foreign fee for China is \$12,000

**In general, two children, including twins and siblings, requires twice the foreign fee.**

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**China Program**

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<b>Fees paid to ACW</b>	<b>Fees paid to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties</b>	
	<b>In country</b>	<b>In the USA</b>
Agency fees: \$6,000 <b>\$300</b> application fee	Foreign Fee \$12,000 (will be wired for \$64 fee)	Travelers Visa to China: \$50
<b>\$3,000</b> acceptance into the program fee	<b><u>Breakdown of \$12,000</u></b> -China Processing fee: <b>\$1,400</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Translation of dossier</li> <li>▪ Processing costs for CCAA</li> <li>▪ Post placement translation</li> </ul>	Dossier Authentications (State, State Dept. & Chinese Embassy): approx. \$1000
<b>\$2,700</b> child acceptance fee	-Handling: <b>\$4,000</b> (wired) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fees and expenses for obtaining documents required for the adoption, and legalizing, copying and other related expenses in regards to court and adoption documentation.</li> </ul>	Home Study & Post Placement services (if not using ACW): \$1,500 -\$2,500
	-Orphanage Donation: <b>\$5,088 (wired)</b> Donations a fixed contribution of \$5,088.00 that prospective adoptive parents will be expected to make to the child welfare service program.	Travel expenses: -Airfare: Economy, off season, \$1,100-\$3,000 per adult <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Child: 10% of adult ticket for under age 2, 60% of adult ticket for 2-12 years</li> </ul>

	-Issuance of adoption documents: <b>\$1,600</b> Fees and expenses for obtaining documents required for the adoption, and legalizing, copying and other related expenses in regards to court and adoption documentation.	
<b>Additional:</b>	<b>Additional:</b>	<b>Additional:</b>
-Adoption with Open Eyes Class \$100/person *	Not included in Foreign Fee: -Child's US Visa: \$380 -Child's Medical for Embassy: \$125	-I 800a application: \$545 +\$70/adult in household to USCIS
-Child Care Class: \$50-\$75/person *	-Hotel: (12 days approx.) -100/day (\$1,200)	-Adoption Preparation courses/classes
- Books/Videos: \$25	-In country airfare: \$200/person	-Books/Videos: \$25
-Home Study: \$1,500 *	-\$64 wiring fee (foreign fee)	-Passport for applicants
-Post Placement: \$1,000 *	-Travel assistant in Guangzhou (driver/translator) \$100/day	
*if applicable	-Family photo for Adoption Decree	
<b>Estimated Totals</b>		
<b>To ACW:</b> \$6,000 agency fee \$12,000 foreign fee <b>=\$18,000*</b>	<b>In country hotels, travel assistant, local airfare:</b> (excluding foreign fee) <b>= \$1,500-\$2,100*</b>	<b>CIS fees, air travel, local home study, dossier &amp; training &amp; post placement:</b> (includes all estimated fees above) <b>=\$5,500-\$6,415*</b>

**All totaled approximately \$26,515**

# VIETNAM PROGRAM

## -Fact Sheet-

Vietnam is currently closed for adoptions. ACW is not accepting applications for this program at this time.

### **General Information:**

The Adoption Center of Washington was the first US adoption agency licensed in 2006 to place children from Vietnam. ACW has done humanitarian projects in Vietnam since 2000.

### **Children Available from Vietnam:**

Girls and boys of all ages are available. Infants may be as young as 4 months at the time of referral. Toddlers and preschoolers are rarely available. Older children and sibling groups may be available, but most of the children are infants. Each child is unique and some children have health problems and may have correctible minor disabilities.

### **Vietnam's Eligibility and Requirements for Prospective Adoptive Parents:**

- ❖ Vietnam adoption laws require that couples or single parents (female) be at least 20 years older than the child's age.
- ❖ This program is open to all persons, married or single females.

\*Each family's situation is given careful consideration

### **Time Frame:**

After your dossier is prepared and submitted, it may be approximately six months for a referral of a boy and a year or more for a girl. The timing and availability of children is based on children entering the orphanage. We have waiting families in this program, not waiting children usually.

**The following documents submitted to Department of International Adoption need to be less than six months of age:**

- **Medical**
- **Police Clearance**

### **Travel to Vietnam\*\*:**

Only one parent needs to travel, however, both parents need to see the child prior to the adoption in order for the child to be eligible for US citizenship upon arrival in the United States. We recommend both parents travel for decision making, support and to allow for the child's citizenship.

The Adoption Process in Vietnam

**Department of International Adoption** The, 60 Tran Phu Street, Ba Dinh District, Hanoi, Vietnam Tel: 844-823 1137; Fax: 844-7365227

Child's dossier shall be made in two copies, each includes:

- copy of birth certificate of child;
- Child's health certificate issued by district health clinic
- 2 color photos (10 cm by 15cm or 9x12cm)
- Other papers provided for by paragraph 2 Article 44 or Decree 68/2002/CP-ND

#### Handling Process

Adoption dossiers shall be filed at the Inter-country Adoption Department, Ministry of Justice.

They shall:

- Receive, check and process dossiers and review adoption conditions
- Give opinions to provincial Justice Department to instruct caring institution to prepare child's dossier.

The local province will:

- Issue the child's documents
- Obtain approval from Ministry of Justice
- Permission from the People's Committee to adopt the child.
- On your trip you will attend and participate in the Giving and Receiving ceremony. At this ceremony, you will sign the "big book" and adopt the child.

Parents must apply for the US visa in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City for permission for the child to enter the US.

**\*\*Please note: length of travel is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances in international adoption. Length of travel in Vietnam may vary due to holidays and changing requirements by the Vietnamese or U.S. Consulate and USCIS.**

#### **Vietnam's Foreign Fee\*:**

The foreign fee is \$12,900. The foreign fee covers the cost of translation services and guidance through the Vietnamese adoption process and American visa processing. As you go through the process, procedures may change over which we have no control. We cannot guarantee that you will adopt a child and fees are not refundable. We cannot guarantee that your adopted child will be granted a visa to enter the United States.

#### **Travel Expenses**

You are also responsible for the cost of your flight to Vietnam and other travel costs (see our fact sheet on Vietnam Estimated Expenses for a breakdown of definite and probable costs). A travel meeting and individual advice will be given as to travel and hotel accommodations. The cost of changing airline tickets due to delays in processing will not be covered by or refunded by ACW. **\*Please note: foreign fees are subject to change without notice due to unforeseen circumstances in international adoption.**

## Vietnam Program

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Fees paid to ACW	Fees paid to 3 <sup>rd</sup> parties	
Agency fees: \$4,000	In country	In the USA
<b>\$300</b> application fee	Foreign Fee \$12,900	Travelers Visa: \$80
<b>\$2,000</b> acceptance into the program fee	<p><b><u>Breakdown of \$12,900</u></b>            -Vietnam Processing fee: <b>\$2,000</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Translation of dossier</li> <li>▪ Processing costs</li> <li>▪ Submitting dossier to IAO</li> <li>▪ Humanitarian projects</li> </ul>	Dossier Authentications (State level & Vietnamese Embassy): approx. \$2,000
<b>\$1,700</b> child acceptance fee	<p><b>\$10,900.00</b> Humanitarian work, Donations, Administrative fees and expenses that includes but limited to personnel costs, administrative overhead, training and education, communications and publication cost and any other costs related to providing services. Fees and expenses for obtaining documents required for the adoption, and legalizing, copying and other related expenses in regards to court and adoption documentation. Donation/contribution to child welfare programs and child protection programs.</p>	Home Study & Post Placement services (if not using ACW): \$1,500 -3,000
		<p>Travel expenses:            -Airfare: \$1600 per adult</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Child: 10% of adult ticket for under age 2, 60% of adult ticket for 2-12 years</li> </ul>

<b>Additional:</b>	<b>Additional:</b>	<b>Additional:</b>
-Adoption with Open Eyes Class: \$75-100/person *	Not included in Foreign Fee: -Child's US Visa: \$380 -Child's Medical: \$50	-I 600a application: \$545 +\$70/adult in household to USCIS
-Child Care Class: \$50-75/person *	-Hotel: (20 days approx.) -\$85 - \$150 per day	-Adoption Preparation courses/classes
-Books/Videos	-In country airfare: \$200/person	-Books/Videos
-Home Study: \$1,500 *	-Travel costs (driver/some taxis, bus rental,	-Passport
-Post Placement: \$1,000 *	-\$100 airfare to Hanoi	
*if applicable		
<b>Estimated Totals:</b>		
<b>To ACW:</b> \$4,000 agency fee \$12,900 foreign fee <b>=\$16,900*</b>	<b>In country:</b> (excluding foreign fee) <b>= \$3,000*</b>	<b>Prior to travel:</b> (includes all estimated fees above) <b>=\$5,500*</b>