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Making a Difference in the Lives of Orphan Children

India Program Description



The children in India are entirely of Indian descent. Most of these children are of

fairer complexion, some are dark skinned, and all have black hair, dark eyes and beautiful features. Boys and girls range in age from 9 months-12 years, however, by the time a child arrives in the U.S., the children will usually be a minimum of 15 months old. Changes in the Program fee may apply for older (over 8) or special needs children. Please contact IFS for up-to-date time lines. Recent government guideline changes require all adoptive parents to travel to India to pick up their children. Our families travel to New Delhi to be met by our India coordinator.

In orphanages where we have worked IFS adoptions have funded major orphanage improvements as well as food, medicine, and other daily necessities.

India is a Hague Convention country. This means that

after April 1, 2008, agencies which conduct adoptions from India must be accredited by the U.S. Department of State (via the Council on Accreditation).

IFS is a COA Hague Accredited Agency.



Under our accredited status, IFS can accept new applications as a primary, accredited provider from families who want to adopt from India. An adoption from India will be considered a Convention case if the family has not submitted an I-600a application to U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (CIS) prior to April 1, 2008. An I-171h approval of such an application must be kept current (by applying for renewal) in order to maintain transitional status.

IFS's prospective adoptive parent(s) who lose their transitional status under the Hague Convention must convert their adoption to a Convention case with IFS. Additionally, the home study provider (either IFS or another agency) will charge extra for the rewriting of the home study report to qualify under the Convention regulations.

IFS is officially licensed and approved as an agency by CARA of the Indian government.



CREDIBILITY • INTEGRITY • ACHIEVEMENT

Requirements for Adopting Parent(s):

- It is preferred (not always required) that couples be married for a minimum of 5 years.
- Single women no older than 45 years of age may adopt infants. Single women over 45 years of age can adopt older children.
- There cannot be more than 45 years difference between the parent and the child. (For instance, a 50 year old must adopt a 5 year old or older, etc.)
- Must be between 30 - 45 years of age if adopting a child under 4 years of age.
- One applicant must be a U.S. citizen
- Up to 3 children in the home are allowed (preferred), however, exceptions can be made.

IFS Application Fee: \$400

IFS Agency Coordination Fee: \$4550

Siblings adopted at the same time: \$500 for each additional child (plus additional India program fee).

Unrelated children adopted at the same time:

A one-year wait is required after the first adoption from India has been finalized before a second unrelated child may be adopted.

Subsequent adoption anytime after initial adoption: \$4,450

Expatriate (clients living out of the U.S.): Additional \$1,000

India Program Fee: \$14,000 - Paid in two payments.

1st Payment: \$3,950 - DUE WHEN COMPLETED HOME STUDY IS SUBMITTED TO IFS (prior to referral).

2nd Payment: \$10,050* - DUE AT THE TIME OF CHILD ACCEPTANCE (for children infant to 5 years); *\$6,350 for children 6 years old and older; \$11,550 for Mumbai program children infant to 5 years old, \$8,350 for Mumbai program children 6 years old and up. India program fees are subject to change without notice. A significant program fee reduction may apply for the adoption of a second child at the same time (only applies to sibling adoptions). Fees may be reduced for the adoption of special needs children. Contact your Adoption Consultant for more information.

Additional Expenses:

- Review of home study report conducted by a non-accredited agency in a Hague Convention case - \$250.
- Conversion of an adoption from a non-Convention case to a Convention case- \$250.
- Visa for the adoptive child - \$400
- Apostilles (varies per state).
- Post Placement Reports (PPRs) - \$800 - PPR FEES DUE AT TIME OF HOME STUDY COMPLETION/SUBMISSION.
- All travel related expenses.

A Note about Post-Placement Report Refundable Deposits:

Refer to the IFS Adoption Services Agreement and Contract regarding your refundable Post-Placement Report (PPR) deposits. Deposits are required at the time of home study completion/submission of the dossier. Contact your IFS representative for current refundable PPR deposit requirements.

