



CHINA

WAITING CHILD

ADOPTION PROGRAM



Dear Prospective Family,

Thank you for requesting information about the waiting child adoption program that is offered in partnership with New Beginnings Family and Children's Services (NB) and Embracing Children Adoption Services (ECAS). China is a country rich in culture and history with a long-standing and stable adoption program. Due to the predictability and easy travel, this is a wonderful program for families who are looking to adopt a waiting child.

ECAS has a strategic partnership with NB to assist them with their licensed China adoption program. NB has been around since 1985 and ECAS has been around since 1998, making a great stable partnership together due to the longevity of both agencies. Both agencies are fully Hague Accredited and not for profit. Between the two agencies, we can offer quality home studies in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Florida, California and Minnesota. NB has been working and licensed in China since 1993 and has an experienced and professional support staff in China. New Beginnings in-country coordinator is well respected and has been with NB and another large and successful US agency since 1993, which allows for great service for the families adopting through this program.

ECAS's will advocate for the waiting children presented by the CCCWA, making sure they are seen and heard. Once the right family is identified, New Beginnings will process your paperwork and interact with the CCCWA on your behalf. Your process will start with a dedicated child advocate and worker until you have received pre-approval to adopt your child. Next you will work directly with the New Beginnings China program staff to prepare your dossier until you travel to pick your child up.

New Beginnings is also offering a grant through the Beyond the Placement Program. Funds from this program have been dedicated to help families meet the financial challenges of adoption a waiting child, with additional funds available to families adopting a child with Down Syndrome from China. It is the sincere desire of Beyond the Placement to help as many children with Down Syndrome get an opportunity for a family. Hopefully with increased donations into the grant fund, more children with special needs can receive this opportunity in the future.

In order to see the children's files that are designated to NB's individual agency list, please fill out the pre-application which is part of this packet and send it back into one of the child advocates listed below.

We understand that pursuing international adoption is a life changing decision for any family. New Beginnings and ECAS will promise you full transparency throughout the process. We guide you in the decision, but never pressure you. In this welcome packet you will find a program description, a full disclosure of all the fees and a pre-application to get started. If you have any questions, you can send an e-mail to kelly@ecasus.org or Kristen@ecasus.org anytime or call ECAS at (763) 694-6131 or New Beginnings at (516) 747-2204. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Kristen Matthews and Kelly Lee
Child Advocates

Why Adopt From China?

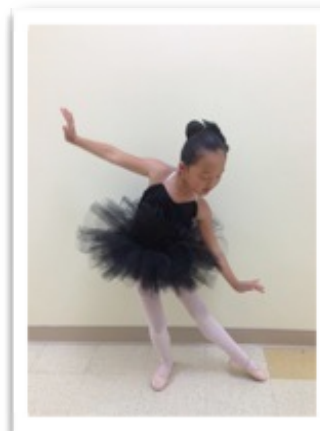
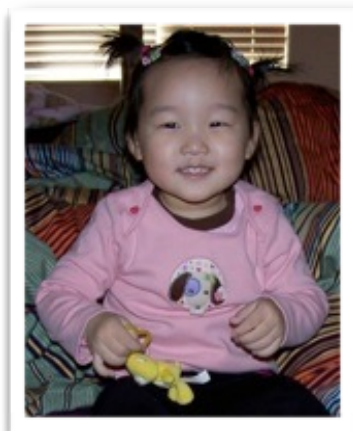
China has one of the most stable and established international adoption programs available. China operates their adoption service through the China Center for Children's Welfare and Adoption (CCCWA). With over 20 years of experience, the process is reliable and predictable, something most countries can't offer. The CCCWA gives children with special needs priority so that their process is expedited to ensure these children quickly find their forever family. Some of the major advantages are:

- Children are well cared for in good environments
- Reliable information on child's abandonment and medical history
- Multiple ways to adopt from China
- You control which child is to be matched
- Short travel time, in most cases around 2 weeks
- Affordable and predictable costs, no hidden fees!

The Children

Because it is a special needs program, all the children referred will qualify due to age or varying degrees of medical conditions. Due to the high cost of medical expenses, and fear of discrimination, special needs children in China may be abandoned by their birth parents. The children available vary from about 9 months to around 13 years old. Waiting children can present with medical conditions from minor to severe with multiple issues. These children have conditions such as spina bifida, missing limbs, congenital heart defects, cleft lip and palate, hearing and vision issues, Down Syndrome, and developmental delays. Families should research each condition they are considering and discuss with their social worker the potential impact it could have on their family.

The CCCWA will release waiting children's information to New Beginnings in two different ways. First they regularly release information on a shared list. This list is open for all agencies to see. If a child matches a family's profile, the agency is able to lock the file for that family if the child is still available on the list. Second, the CCCWA provides New Beginnings with a designated list of children that are only assigned to New Beginnings families. We will work hard to locate adoptive families who are willing and ready to adopt these children through the Special Focus Adoption program. In all cases, families should get information such as pictures, background and history, developmental information, basic physical exam, and detailed information on the child's medical condition or special needs. If the information is not current, NB can request updated photos, videos, medical reports and testing results.



This is a Special Focus Child adopted in 2007

Eligibility

The CCCWA has varying requirements for married couples and single females. Both are required to be heterosexual and single females are limited to only the Special Focus Adoption program. Single females can adopt one child at a time, and must wait 1 year before starting a second adoption.

Married Couples*

- Must be married for at least two years if neither applicant has been divorced (limit of two previous marriages). If previously married, the length of the current marriage has to be at least five years.
- Applicants should be between 30 and 55 years old.
- Applicants should have a High School or equivalent education level.
- Combined income should total at least \$10,000 for each family member, including the adopted child.
- A net worth of at least \$80,000.
- No more than five children in the home under the age of 18 years old. The youngest must be at least one year old.
- Applicants should have no history of criminal activity or drug use.
- Applicants should be physically and mentally healthy (no antidepressants for past two years).
- The couple should have good medical insurance that will cover the adopted child's medical needs.

Single Females (Special Focus Adoption Only)*

- If in a stable relationship and living with a male partner, you must meet the requirements of a married couple.
- Applicants should be between 30 and 50 years old. If over 50, the difference between the child and adoptive parent cannot exceed 45 years.
- If previously married, the applicant must provide a certificate of marital status (divorce decree).
- Applicant must submit a letter explaining her decision to remain single and describe her attitude toward marriage. This must include her plan to involve men as role models for an adopted child.
- Applicant's income should total at least \$20,000 plus \$10,000 for each family member, including the adopted child.
- A net worth of at least \$100,000.
- Applicant should be physically and mentally healthy (no antidepressants for past two years).
- The applicant should have good medical insurance that will cover the adopted child's medical needs.
- No more than two children in the home, the youngest must be at least six years.

*If you do not meet all the listed requirements please do not discount adopting from China. We are happy to request a waiver for certain requirements that you do not meet on the lists above. Please contact us so we can explore your options on an individual basis.



NEW BEGINNINGS FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES (NEW BEGINNINGS)

Fee and Expenses for China

New Beginnings Family and Children's Services, Inc., in partnership with Embracing Children Adoption Service, will provide the following adoption services:

- Present orientation and guidance to the intercountry adoption process and the country adopting through;
- Provide or oversee Home Study services;
- Guidance and assistance in filing U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) application;
- With the cooperation of China Center of Children's Welfare and Adoption, (CCCWA), identify a child for adoption and arranging for the adoption;
- Receive and present a referral of a child that includes the Child's Background Study;
- Secure the child's legal information to present to USCIS for immigration approval;
- Assist and coordinate travel to China for the placement of the child and child's travel visa;
- Provide or oversee post-adoption services as required by CCCWA and your state of residence.

In exchange for the above services, you agree to pay the following:

China Adoption	Non-Special Needs/Shared List	New Beginnings' Waiting List	Child With Down Syndrome
Application (AFP)	\$350	\$350	\$350
New Beginnings Fee, (due at contract)	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$1,500*
China Program Fee, (due at dossier submission)	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$500*
China Program Fee, (due at Letter Seeking Confirmation)	\$3,500	\$2,500*	\$1,000*
CCCWA Application & Translation (due at dossier)	\$1,480	\$1,390	\$1,390
CCCWA Post-Adoption Translation fee, (due at LSC)	\$360	\$360	\$360
Donation to Orphanage (Due in China, 35,000 RMB)	\$5,700	\$5,700	\$5,700

* Price includes the Beyond the Placement Grant. A grant of \$1,000 is available to all families adopting a Special Focus child from our waiting list. For families adopting a child with Down Syndrome, the grant is \$6,500. The Beyond the Placement Grant is also available to families adopting from the shared list on a needs base.

Social Services	NB Provides Services	Other HS Provider
Home Study	\$1,700	<i>As Agreed with provider</i>
Post-Adoption Services	\$2,550†	<i>As Agreed with provider</i>

† \$1,275 refund is available with Self Reports

Incidental Expenses: Parent Education Workshops (est. \$180); USCIS fees (est. \$890); expenses associated with compiling the Dossier (est. \$960); Traveling and in-country expenses (est. \$5,000 - \$6,500). Some families may be requested to have a Psychological Evaluations. A home study updates would be required 12 to 18 months after the original home study is approved.

New Beginnings requires a Post-Adoption Commitment letter from your Home Study Agency showing that all fees for post adoption services have been paid; letter is required at TA.

FAMILY INFORMATION SHEET FOR WAITING CHILDREN

Family Name: _____ Date: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

Street Address _____		City _____	State _____
County _____	Zip _____	Primary Email _____	
Contact Phone Number _____	Other Phone Number _____	Secondary Email _____	

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant I

First _____ Middle _____
Last _____
Date of Birth _____ Age _____
Country of Citizenship _____
Annual Income _____
Height _____ Weight _____

Have you ever been arrested?
If yes please provide details. Yes No

Do you have a history of child abuse or neglect?
If yes please provide details. Yes No

Applicant II

First _____ Middle _____
Last _____
Date of Birth _____ Age _____
Country of Citizenship _____
Annual Income _____
Height _____ Weight _____

Have you ever been arrested?
If yes please provide details. Yes No

Do you have a history of child abuse or neglect?
If yes please provide details. Yes No

MARRIAGE

Date of Present Marriage (if applicable) _____

HEALTH

Applicant I

List serious or chronic conditions, past and present:

Are you taking prescription medication? Yes No
Please provide name of medication and diagnosis:

Applicant II

List serious or chronic conditions, past and present:

Are you taking prescription medication? Yes No
Please provide name of medication and diagnosis:

ADOPTION INFORMATION

Is this your first adoption: Yes No
Home study completed: Yes No If yes date completed _____
Home study in progress: Yes No

Name of agency completing home study _____

Are you currently working with another adoption agency or on
any other adoptions: Yes No

If yes, through whom and from which country _____

Gender of child desired: Boy Girl No Preference Preferred age range: _____