

Adopt from

# COLOMBIA

Children's Home has been advocating for children in Colombia for more than 40 years. Colombian children of all ages need families, especially children ages 8 and older, those in sibling groups, and those living with identified needs ranging from minor/correctable to lifelong.

Most children in care have been removed from family care due to neglect, abuse, or loss of a caregiver. Children are cared for in orphanages and private foster homes that are supervised by the country's central adoption authority, the Colombian Institute of Family Welfare (ICBF). Children are generally between the ages of 6 months to 15 years at the time of referral.

## Eligible Families

- Parents must be 25-55 years old at time of child referral. Some exceptions may apply to parents up to age 59. Parents must be at least 15 years and no more than 45 years older than the child they will adopt.
- Parents cannot have serious physical or mental health concerns.
- If married, parents must be married at least 2 years (cohabitation recognized).
- Openness to moderate needs is required to adopt children under age 8.
- Single applicants eligible to adopt children 10+, sibling groups or children with more moderate to significant needs; single men matched with boys only.
- LGBTQIA+ applicants welcome to apply.
- If you are of Colombian heritage, please inquire to discuss eligibility guidelines.

## Timelines

- Depending on openness, wait for referral is typically 6-18 months.
- Travel occurs 5-9 weeks after referral acceptance.
- One trip of approximately 3-5 weeks is required. One parent may return to U.S. after approximately 2 weeks.

## Get Started!

Speak to an Adoption Guide: **800.952.9302** or **welcome@chlss.org**.

Find a free online information meeting: **chlss.org/events**.

Determine your eligibility for free: **chlss.org/getstarted**.

