

Adopt from

ECUADOR

Children eligible for adoption from Ecuador typically range in age from 2 to 15 years. Children become eligible for international adoption after they receive "Sentencia de Adoptabilidad." They are cared for in private and government-run orphanages where access to resources can widely vary. The greatest need is for families to be open to school-age children, sibling groups and children with identified needs and histories that may include trauma. Children's Home is Hague accredited.

We're advocating for children waiting in Ecuador now. Learn about them at chlss.org/waiting.

If you hope to adopt a relative or a child you've already identified in Ecuador, please email welcome@chlss.org to discuss how we may be able to assist you.

Eligible Families

- Parents must be age 25-51 at time of child referral and can be no less than 14 years and no more than 45 years older than the child to be adopted.
- Single women may adopt.
- If married, heterosexual couples must be married at least three years at home study approval.
- Parents cannot have serious physical or mental health concerns; no criminal history.

Timelines

- Families can be matched to a waiting child after their home study is complete.
- Travel timelines vary case-by-case.
- One trip to Ecuador for a minimum 8-10 weeks is required; at least one parent must remain in country the entire trip. Parents have child in custody while in country.

Get Started!

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

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

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

