

Adopt from

# SOUTH KOREA

Children eligible for adoption from Korea are generally 12 to 16 months old at the time of referral. Children are legally relinquished by their birth parents and are cared for in foster homes until their adoptions are completed. The foster homes usually provide a one-on-one environment, allowing the foster mothers to provide care, attachment and protection while children wait for adoptive families. The children may have been prenatally exposed to alcohol, born prematurely and/or exhibit developmental delays. The greatest need is for families open to parenting boys with minor/correctable to lifelong needs. Children's Home is Hague accredited.

We're advocating for children waiting in South Korea now. Learn about them at [chlss.org/waiting](http://chlss.org/waiting).

## Eligible Families

- Heterosexual couples married at least three years are eligible to adopt.
- Parents cannot have serious physical or mental health concerns, or criminal history.
- No more than four children already residing in home.
- Parents must be 25-44 years of age at time of home study approval.
- Parents with Korean heritage or families who have previously adopted from Korea can be 25-49 years of age at home study approval.

## Timelines

- Wait for referral is 5-8 months.
- Two trips of approximately 5-6 days each are required.
- First trip occurs 8-11 months after completion of acceptance dossier.
- Second trip occurs 2-3 months after first trip.

## Get Started!

Speak to an Adoption Guide: **800.952.9302** or [welcome@chlss.org](mailto:welcome@chlss.org).

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