



ADOPTING A US KID

WACAP understands that adoption is a big decision, and we'll be here for you every step of the way. We've been placing kids from U.S. foster care in loving adoptive families since 1976. We'd be delighted to help you bring your child home.



Who are the children?

Boys and girls of all ages are waiting for families in the United States. Most of these kids are Caucasian, but some are African-American, Hispanic or multiracial. Some of them are siblings who need to be adopted together.

If you live in Washington or Oregon, WACAP can help you adopt a legally-available child age 5 or older. In other states, we can help you adopt a child age 8 or older or a younger child with a significant medical or developmental condition. (Families living outside of Washington or Oregon are considered on a case-by-case basis.)

If you live in Western Washington, we may be able to match you with a child of any age (including infants up to 36 months) who is not yet legally available but is in need of a potentially permanent family.

Regardless of where you live, you may be eligible for a Promise Child grant of \$2,000. WACAP has assigned these grants to certain US Kids based on their age or sibling status. Contact us for more information.

Placement Process for US Kids

Once you've submitted your application and joined our US Kids program, you'll complete your homestudy. If you live in Washington or Oregon, WACAP can do your homestudy for you. If you live outside our service area, we can recommend a homestudy agency in your state. After your homestudy is approved, WACAP will work to match you with a child. We don't decide which child is placed with your family — that decision is made by the public agency that has custody of the child — but we will advocate for you by sharing your information with children's social workers. After you've been matched with a child, you'll travel to visit the child and bring him or her home.

Wait Time

The wait time to be matched with a child often depends on what characteristics a family indicated they'd be open to when requesting a child. You'll receive a child's information about one to 18 months after approval of your homestudy. Once you've been selected as the child's adoptive family, you'll most likely travel to bring him or her home right away.

Travel

- Varies by child's circumstances

Getting started on your adoption

Adopting a foster child in the United States starts with your application to WACAP. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us at 206.575.4550 or wacap@wacap.org.

WHO CAN ADOPT A US KID?

- Couples
- Single men and women

"We liked WACAP's philosophy and really believed they were an agency looking for families for children, not children for families."
Karen, Washington

