



WACAP delivers
reliable, personal adoption services
to bring a child into your family.

ADOPTIONS FROM TAIWAN

WACAP understands that adoption is a big decision, and we'll be here for you every step of the way. We started our program in Taiwan in 2011. WACAP is excited to support families as they bring their child home from Taiwan. The agencies WACAP works with in Taiwan welcome families to apply who are open to children of all ages with individual needs or challenging pasts.

Who are the children?

Taiwanese boys and girls age 9 months up to 15 years with individual needs or challenging backgrounds are in need of loving families. Some of the youngest children are in need of adoption because their birth mother relinquished her parental rights. Other children have been removed from their birth families because of abuse or neglect. Many of the babies are cared for by loving foster families, while older children may reside in an institutional setting. Many siblings need families, and children with various medical or background issues are also in need of adoption. For more information, visit www.wacap.org or contact us.

Adoption Process from Taiwan

Once your family has submitted your application, we'll help you get started with your homestudy. If you live in Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Wisconsin, Connecticut, New Jersey or New York, WACAP can do your homestudy for you. If you live outside our service area, we can recommend a homestudy agency in your state. Next, we'll help you gain clearance from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration (USCIS) and complete your preliminary paperwork and "Dear Birth Parent" material. After these documents are completed and sent to Taiwan, you'll be matched with a child once an appropriate child has been released to WACAP or once a birth parent has selected your family. After you've accepted a match, dossier documents will be completed for the legal process and submitted to the regional authorities where your child is cared for. After the court process has been completed, you'll be invited to travel to Taiwan.

Wait Time

WACAP works with several different agencies in Taiwan. Because each agency has a slightly different matching process, wait times can vary. In some cases, families are selected by the birth mother directly. Due to the Taiwan government amending their child welfare laws, domestic adoption will become their first priority and, as a result, the wait time to be matched with a boy or girl will be approximately 6–18 months. Your child will be ready to come home approximately 5 - 9 months after your dossier has been submitted to the courts. Once the court process is over, one or both parents can travel to complete the U.S. visa process.

Travel

- Most families will be in Taiwan 4–7 days
- One parent required to travel
- On rare occasion some families may be required to make two trips.

Getting Started on Your Adoption

Adopting a child from Taiwan 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 FROM TAIWAN*

Couples married at least 3–5 years with no more than two divorces between them

• Applicants age 30–48 if adopting infants; up to 55 if adopting a child who is older or who has a medical need

• Families with no more than two children in the home and a minimum annual income of \$50,000–70,000

• Families with net worth of \$100,000

• Applicants with a high school diploma or equivalent

• Families open to birth parent contact

• Applicants with no health concerns, BMIs under 40 and no criminal record

• Eligibility may be flexible for families wishing to adopt an older child or a child with medical needs

**Currently the Taiwanese agencies only accepts applications from heterosexual applicants.*