

| Main Steps | Lifeline Adoption Process: | Notes |
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| Apply with Lifeline | Pick country | No transfer fee if change mind |
| | Apply | Application online www.lifelinechild.org |
| | Meet Lifeline Program Coordinator | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Call • Orientation Interview | <p>Within a few days of approval</p> <p>Within a few weeks of approval</p> |
| Home Study | Home Study Process: (3-4 months) | With Lifeline or other Home Study Agency |
| Immigration (800A) | Immigration – 800A (60-90 days average) | Will need new set of fingerprints for USCIS (biometric fingerprint appointment will be issued by USCIS) |
| Dossier | Dossier - specific process for each country (3 months average to compile) | NOTE: This process will happen concurrently with the Immigration process. Some documents (FBI clearances, employment letters, and more can be used again for this stage). |
| | Submit dossier to representative for translation (approximately 2-4 weeks) | |
| Approval | Submit dossier to central authority for review and approval (depends on country) | Depends on if you are matched from the waiting child list or from a referral. |
| | Receive country’s response , provide your response, and wait for final approval | Once the dossier has been submitted, the central authority may request more information or additional documents. |
| Matching | Receive Referral | 2-6 months if not matching off waiting child list |
| Immigration (800) | Immigration Approval – 800 (average time frame is 2-3 months) | |
| Travel | <p>Trip 1: 4 weeks</p> <p>Trip 2: 2-3 days</p> <p>Trip 3: 6 days</p> | |
| Finalize Adoption | Court – finalize adoption (all families finalize in country and travel home on IR 3 visas) | |
| Post Adoption | Follow-up services (Post Adoptions Meetings) | Visits at 2 , 12, and 24 months. |