



KOREA

HEALTHY TODDLER ADOPTION PROGRAM



Dear Prospective Family,

Thank you for requesting information about the Korean adoption program that is offered in partnership with New Beginnings Family and Children's Services (NB) and Embracing Children Adoption Services (ECAS). Korea has been processing adoption since the 1950's and several hundred thousand children have been placed into American adoptive homes since that time. Many of the adoptees are adults with families of their own. The Korean adoption program places health children or children with minor medical needs. Most children are around two years of age when placed. It is a predictable, well organized program perfect for families considering international adoption.

ECAS has a strategic partnership with NB to assist with identifying and helping families through the home study process. Over the last two years, NB's Korean program has been in need of families. NB will still direct the home study for families in states we are licensed: New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Florida. For families in other states, you are welcome to have ECAS guide you through the home study process. ECAS supervises many home studies, so the process will be quick, and the fees are the same. NB has been successfully placing children since 1985 and ECAS has been around since 1998. Both agencies are fully Hague Accredited and not for profit.

Once the home study is completed, NB will prepare your documents for Korea and find the right match of a child. Updates and information is routine while the family waits for their first trip to Korea. A month to six weeks later, they travel again to bring the child home.

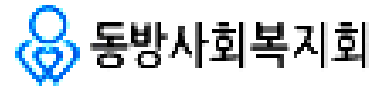
We understand that pursuing international adoption is a life changing decision for any family. New Beginnings and ECAS will promise you full transparency throughout the process. We believe that you will make the decision that is best for your family and we will never pressure you on your decision. In this welcome packet you will find a program description, a full disclosure of all the fees and a pre-application to get started. If you have any questions, you can send an e-mail to info@ecasus.org or newbeginn@aol.com or call New Beginnings at (516) 747-2204, or ECAS at (763) 694-6131. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Pauline Park
Program Director

Why Adopt From Korea?

New Beginnings has successfully placed children directly from **Eastern Social Welfare Society (ESWS)** since our founding in 1985. Adoptions from Korea have a well deserved reputation for excellence. ESWS's humanitarian work in Korea is extensive. Adoption is only one aspect of their mission. Training and rehabilitation of disabled children, elder care and care for older orphans are also done through ESWS. The level of service and the commitment of ESWS is very high. The medical care is excellent and the medical information is full and complete and on par with medical care in the United States.



The Korean Program is premier in international adoption. For families that fit within the requirements of the program, Korean adoption should be seriously considered.

The Children

The children available are all most exclusively boys, at or about two years of age at placement. The information present with the referral is detailed and complete. Information on the birth family is available and part of the referral packet. The children are cared for in foster care. ESWS provides day care to monitor the children and promote developmental milestones. Updates, photos, videos and often correspondence with the foster parents are normal and routine. We do see referrals of children that have medical concerns and recommend families entering the program to be aware and open to the children with minor correctable special needs or concerns. And remember, boys need love too.

If you qualify for the Korean program you will be matched with a child up to about one year old, with a thorough medical report and pictures, as well as social history on the birthmother. Approximately twelve to fifteen months after the assignment is accepted, the adoptive parents can travel to Korea to pick up their child.



Dr. Kim Jin Sook, President,
Eastern Social Welfare Society.

Eligibility

The eligibility requirements for Korea vary depending on if you are of Korean heritage, Korean adoptee or have previously adopted from Korea. If so, the age requirement is extended to 50. Otherwise, the requirements are specific, with waivers rarely given.

- *Age of Applicant* Between 25 and 43, with waiver* between 25 and 49
- *Marital Status* Married 3 years. No more than one divorce per spouse
- *Age of Child at Placement* 21 to 27 months
- *Gender Preference* None, few girls placed
- *Family Composition* No more than 4 children
- *Income* Combined \$35,000, Financially secure
- *Applicant's Health* Excellent health without medical concerns; Body Mass Index (BMI) under 30%
- *Education* high school diploma
- *Length of Time* 18 - 24 Months
- *Placement* In states we are licensed or in states without another ESWS agency

*Waivers will be given to prospective adoptive parents up to age 49 as long as they meet one of the below requirements:

1. Both prospective adoptive parents are Korean-heritage.
2. One prospective adoptive parent is a Korean adoptee.
3. The prospective adoptive parents already have a Korean adopted child.



Babies at the Love the Children's Hospital in ESWS.



Korean Heritage Program

For situations in which birth families cannot stay intact and children cannot have their needs met by birth relatives, children should first be placed with a family in their own country and culture. The Korean Heritage Program encourages Korean families to adopt internationally.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Heritage families are those where both spouses are of Korean descent. You must be married for a minimum of three years, with no more than one divorce per spouse. Heritage families should be between the age of 25 to 49 at the time of the referral. No serious or chronic physical or mental health concerns, including obesity. Arrest, alcohol or substance abuse can be disqualifying factors.

MEETING WITH AN ADOPTION SPECIALIST

You are welcome to call us for the latest adoption information, for adoption application procedure, for a private information session with an adoption specialist and for other questions.

Telephone Number: 516 747-2204

한국 유산 이어받기 프로그램

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중요한 전화번호: 516 747-2204

