



Our History

For more than 113 years, Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska (LFS) has been highly regarded as one of Nebraska's foremost adoption agencies. We believe all children are a gift from God. Throughout our history, LFS has grown to include other services that improve life for children in need.

Today our services reach children far beyond the boundaries of Nebraska and include the placement of children from all around the world through the LFS International Adoption program. This program provides counseling, support and education to those building their families through adoption. We also extend a helping hand to the orphanages and their surrounding communities in the countries in which we work.

Children Services Center

 **Lutheran Family Services**
of Nebraska, Inc.

www.lfsneb.org

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Omaha, NE 68102
(402) 661-7100

Lincoln

2900 "O" Street, Suite 200
Lincoln NE 68510
(402) 435-2910

Kearney

Campus Lutheran Church
2715 9th Avenue
Kearney, NE 68845
(308) 236-8226

Call your nearest office or the toll free number for statewide services
1 (800) 267-9876



International Adoption

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Why Should I Choose LFS?

The many decisions connected to international adoption can be confusing and, at times, overwhelming. At LFS, our caring professionals will guide you through every decision throughout the process and will continue to support you after your child arrives home.

Parents choosing LFS for adoption:

- Receive the benefits of a large agency with a small agency feel
- Gain the confidence that comes from working with qualified and experienced local and international adoption staff who provide the necessary support and personalized attention through every step of the adoption process
- Enjoy knowing our agency meets the highest accreditation standards in the business - The Council on Accreditation (COA)

How Do We Begin the Adoption Process?

Call the professionals at LFS! You will be invited to an informational meeting where we will give you an overview of international adoption and answer your specific questions. Contact information for the nearest LFS office can be found on the back of this brochure.

Who Are the Children?

LFS assists families with international adoptions for children of all ages. Children who have been abandoned or orphaned are now waiting to be placed in loving homes. LFS also assists with international placement of special needs children. If you are open to this possibility, please mention it to your International Adoption Specialist at the onset of the adoption process.

Our children will come to your home from many countries including China, Russia and Guatemala.

What Services Does LFS Provide?

- Individualized guidance in the selection of an appropriate country
- Home study
- Education and professional guidance in preparation for adoption
- Assistance in the preparation and authentication of necessary documentation
- Travel arrangements specific to the country
- Ongoing support for your family
- Post placement services

A child waits. Choose International Adoption.

Who is Eligible for International Adoption?

Eligibility requirements vary from country to country, but families choosing international adoption:

- May be single or married
- May range in age from their mid 20's to 50's
- May have birth or adopted children or be childless
- May wish to adopt more than one child
- May wish to adopt infants or older children who are healthy or have special needs
- Must be an active member of a faith community
- Must be willing to educate the adopted child about his or her heritage and background
- Must be physically, financially and emotionally capable of caring for a child

