

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### • CHILDREN

8 years and older, sibling groups, and children of all ages with special needs

### • PARENT REQUIREMENTS

25 and older. Parents must be at least 18 years older than the child but not more than 50 years older; married couples or single women.

### • TIMELINE

Dossier to referral: 3-4 months (WC).

Up to 36 months (referral).

### • TRAVEL

1st trip: 7 days

2nd trip: 3-5 weeks



## The Children

Children placed through this program live in orphanages while awaiting adoption. The orphanage care varies from good to excellent. Each child's health and development is closely monitored. Children 7 and older who are considered healthy or children of any age with special needs are available to be matched with families. In this program, Waiting Children are also available. Waiting Children in Armenia can be viewed on the CAS Waiting Child photolisting.

## The Program

Carolina Adoption Services works closely with our partner attorney in Armenia to process Armenian adoptions. The Ministry of Justice is the Armenian adoption authority. Dossiers are translated and submitted to the MOJ with the help of the attorney. Families can submit a dossier to be matched with a referral, or submit a request to be matched with a Waiting Child.

## The Process

Once a child is matched with a family, the family will be invited to travel. Parents may choose to hire an independent physician to complete a medical evaluation of the child while on the first trip.

At the conclusion of the first trip, families have the opportunity to officially accept their referral. Upon acceptance of the referral, the child's documents and the family's dossier begin the final approval process. Families are encouraged to interact with their children to encourage bonding in between trips using Skype and other means of communication.

After approval is granted by the Ministry of Justice, families will travel to pick up their child. On the second trip, families will attend court and receive custody of their child. The second trip may last 3-5 weeks. The child's visa is obtained at the U.S. Embassy in Yerevan. Families are assisted every step of the way by an English-speaking representative.



## Costs at a Glance

### ARMENIA RESOURCE FAMILIES

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### PAYING FOR ADOPTION

A Federal Tax credit is available to qualified adoptive parents. The tax credit and other resources like grants and low-interest loans can help reduce the cost of expanding your family through adoption. Please visit [carolinaadoption.org](http://carolinaadoption.org) and click on Paying for Adoption for information.



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Carolina Adoption Services Fees	Placement Only	Full-Service*
Pre-Application Fee	\$150	\$150
eAdopt Fee	\$150	\$150
Home Study (or Home Study Review)	\$450	\$2,000
Professional Services	\$8,000	\$8,000
Non-refundable monitoring & oversight fee per child	\$500	\$500
Aid & Development	\$500	\$500
Country Report Administration (five reports)	\$500	\$500
Country Report Deposit (refundable)	\$1,000	\$1,000
Country Reports	—	\$1,750
Post-Adoption (three reports)	—	\$1,050
Re-Finalization (recommended)	—	\$250
<b>Agency Fees</b>	<b>\$11,250</b>	<b>\$15,850</b>

\* Full-Service: Home study, placement, & post-adoption (avail. NC, SC, VA)

International Fees	
International Service Fee	\$16,150-\$30,150

Third Party Fees	
Education	\$150-\$200
Hague-Required Crim. Record & Child Abuse Registry Checks	\$10-\$100/document
Misc. Requirements (Passports, Physical Exams, Etc.)	\$300-\$1,000
CIS Application	\$775
CIS Fingerprints (per person)	\$85
Dossier Authentication	\$250
Wire Fees	\$90
Airfare (per person/per trip)	\$1,000-\$1,750
Child's Airfare Home	\$100-\$900
In-Country Expense	\$5,000-\$8,000

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 ...one child at a time.