

# THE PROCESS AT-A-GLANCE

- Apply to Lutheran Family Services (LFSRM) and submit necessary paperwork to initiate direct services in Colorado, while also making application with the International Primary Agency of your choice.
- Complete the Home Study process with LFSRM which includes home visits, reference checks, background checks and physicals.
  - Attend our 24 hour training class for adoptive families.
- After Home Study has been completed, LFSRM provides your written Home Study to:
  - Your International Adoption Agency
  - State of Colorado (ICPC) for approval
  - USCIS (Citizenship and Immigration Services) for Approval
- Work with International Adoption Agency to finalize all international paperwork, including the Dossier, which will be sent to the country from which you are adopting.
- Wait for referral of a child or to travel (country dependent)- facilitated by your International Adoption Agency.
- Become matched with a child or travel to the country to meet a child (country dependent).
- Travel to country to pick up your child and return to the U.S.
- Complete post-placement supervision with your LFSRM counselor, based on specific state and country requirements.
- Re-validate or Finalize Adoption (country dependent) in the State of Colorado through the court system in order to receive a U.S. Birth Certificate for your child.
- **LFSRM FEES:**  
A complete LFS fee agreement is attached. For any questions or clarifications, please contact a member of our team.

The following information can be made available upon request:

- The State of Colorado Annual Report for the last three calendar years which includes:
- The number of parents who apply to adopt on a yearly basis, the percentage of placements that remain intact, are disrupted or have been dissolved.

**We would love to discuss our adoption program and answer any questions you may have. Individual meetings can be scheduled with our staff by calling 303-217-5863 or emailing us at [renee.teague@lfsrm.org](mailto:renee.teague@lfsrm.org).**