

## Who We Are

*A Chosen Child Adoption Services* is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit child placing agency. We are licensed by the South Carolina Department of Social Services. The agency's staff helps families to find their *Special Child* by providing both domestic & international adoption services to U.S. citizens.

*ACCAS* offers personalized services to birth parents and prospective adoptive families. We also work closely with other adoption agencies and attorneys through- out the U.S. and in foreign countries.

We believe that adoption is a lifetime commitment to a child. It is extremely important that birth parents and adoptive parents feel comfortable with their placement decisions. We help parents explore all of their options so that they are able to make the best choices for themselves as well as their child.

## Our Services Include:

- ♥ Birth Parent Counseling and Placement Services
- ♥ Adoption Home Studies
- ♥ Post Placement Supervision
- ♥ Parent Education and Training
- ♥ Embryo Adoption
- ♥ Adoption Seminars
- ♥ US CIS (formerly INS) Assistance
- ♥ Dossier Preparation

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## The Home Study Process

The Home Study is a written report prepared by a certified adoption specialist or licensed social worker. It is required by law in order to adopt a child. The report addresses the physical and emotional environment of the adoptive home. Education is also provided during the home study to help the prospective family prepare for adoptive parenthood. To begin the process the adoptive family:

- ♥ Submits an application
- ♥ Meets with the adoption social worker, including one visit in the home
- ♥ Signs releases for child abuse and criminal background clearances
- ♥ Obtains a medical evaluation by a licensed physician
- ♥ Provides financial information and letters of reference



## A Chosen Child Adoption Services

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A Licensed South Carolina Adoption Agency and  
Non-Profit Corporation that provides:

**A**ssistance throughout the  
adoption process

**C**aring, confidential counseling and  
child placement services for birth  
parents who are considering  
adoption

**C**omprehensive adoption services  
for families wishing to adopt in  
the US or international countries

## Our Staff

Denice C. Fisher, MSW  
Executive Director



Denice began her adoption career after obtaining her Masters of Social Work degree from the University of South Carolina in 1977. She has more than 20 years of casework and administrative experience as an adoption agency director. Before establishing A Chosen Child Adoption Services, she was employed as executive director for several well-known child placing agencies. During her career, Denice has assisted numerous families to realize their dream of becoming parents through adoption.

*A Chosen Child Adoption Services* employees are professional social workers who are licensed to conduct adoption home studies and obtain birth parent relinquishments. All staff members are licensed by the state of South Carolina as "Certified Adoption Investigators". We also utilize volunteers who are adoptive parents, as well as other individuals in the community who are committed to the field of adoption services.



## Adoption Services for Birth and Adoptive Parents

Birth parents receive comprehensive one-on-one counseling from an adoption professional before and after their baby is born. The birth parent(s) are encouraged to select their adoptive family by looking at portfolios and reading home studies. Most choose to meet the adoptive parents shortly after they have been selected. Open and semi-open placements are possible. Assistance is available if the birth parent needs emergency services, prenatal care or financial help. Birth parents usually relinquish their parental rights before they leave the hospital. The baby is then discharged to an agency staff member and is able to go directly home with the adoptive family. Foster care is rarely required. The birth parent(s) can receive pictures and letters from the adoptive couple for the first year after placement through the agency, or they may choose to provide their address to the adoptive couple for direct communication.



## Domestic Adoption Services

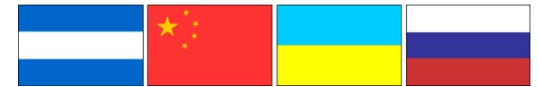
*A Chosen Child Adoption Services* works with birth and adoptive parents of all races and religions. Single parents, as well as married couples are eligible to adopt. Caucasian, African American, Hispanic and mixed-race infants and older children are available for domestic adoption.

## International Adoption

Adoption of foreign-born children has become increasingly popular. According to the U.S. Census Bureau in 2000, thirteen percent of adopted children of all ages were foreign-born (258,000), with nearly half of them (48 percent) born in Asia, about one-third in Latin America and about one-sixth in Europe.

To complete an international adoption and bring a child into the U.S., prospective parents must fulfill the requirements set forth by:

- ♥ The US CIS (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services)
- ♥ The foreign country in which the child resides, and
- ♥ The state of residence of the adoptive parents.



## *A Chosen Child Adoption Services*

works with families throughout the U.S. We provide each family with personal guidance to help them through this complex process.

*ACCAS* helps families adopt available children from countries throughout the world including: Russia, Ukraine, China, Taiwan, Guatemala, and Colombia.