



<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/Intercountry-Adoption/about-adoption-service-providers/agency-accreditation.html>

“Organizations and individuals that provide any one of six adoption services noted here and found in both the IAA and in the accreditation regulations (see 22 CFR 96.2 Definitions) must be accredited, approved, supervised, or exempted. **The six adoption services are:**

1. Identifying a child for adoption and arranging an adoption;
2. Securing the necessary consent to termination of parental rights and to adoption;
3. Performing a background study on a child or a home study on prospective adoptive parent(s), and reporting on such study;
4. Making a non-judicial determination of a the best interest of a child and the appropriateness of an adoptive placement for the child;
5. Monitoring a case after a child has been placed with prospective adoptive parent(s) until final adoption; and
6. Assuming custody of a child and providing (including facilitating the provision of) childcare or any other social service when necessary because of a disruption before final adoption.

U.S. accreditation or approval is not an automatic permission to provide adoption services in any Convention or other country of origin. A Convention country is not required to permit accredited agencies or approved persons to operate in its territory; it may limit which agencies or persons may provide adoption services. A Convention country may even insist that adoption services be handled by governmental authorities instead of accredited or approved ASPs. An ASP may not provide adoption services in another Convention country unless it is authorized to do so in accordance with that country's laws and procedures. Likewise, non-Convention countries determine in accordance with their laws and procedures how an agency or person may seek permission to provide adoption services there.”

Frank Adoption Center will work with you, authorities in the foreign country and other experienced professionals to determine who will perform each of the 6 named services. We will use this information to specify a Family Service Plan for your case and to put in place Foreign Supervised Provider Agreements as needed. This information must be confirmed to the best of all party’s ability before FAC formally approves your application to adopt. In addition, a complete file for any Foreign Supervised Provider must be in FAC’s office before we can formally approve your application to adopt.

Frank Adoption Center may also ask for a Legal Opinion Letter from an attorney or government authority in the country you intend to adopt from, citing the country’s adoption laws in relation to any specifics of your case. We may also require the services of an attorney in country to verify the authenticity of any existing documents in a case where the adoption has already been completed in country. Again, FAC will require relevant agreements, supporting documents and letters in place before we formally approve your application to adopt.