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Alert: IBESR Transition Case Update

The Department of State and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) have received a list of cases from the Haitian Central Authority, *L'Institut du Bien-Etre Social et de Recherches* (IBESR) indicating which families and children IBESR has provisionally matched or will provisionally match as pre-Hague Adoption Convention transition cases. The families on this list filed dossiers with IBESR on or before February 15, 2016, but IBESR determined final processing steps are necessary before IBESR is able to issue an official referral. Please continue to monitor our websites for updates on Haitian adoptions. For case specific inquiries or questions about IBESR's list, please contact USCIS at Haiti.uscis@uscis.dhs.gov.

Families on IBESR's list will be eligible to continue as a transition case under the "orphan process" if they previously filed a Form I-600 petition or have a valid Form I-600A approval for Haiti at the time they file their Form I-600 petition with USCIS, with evidence of their IBESR referral." However, families who have a Form I-600A approval for Haiti that has expired or will expire before they are able to file a Form I-600 petition with USCIS will not be eligible to complete the intercountry adoption process with Haiti as a transition case under the orphan process. Families in this position who still wish to adopt and immigrate a Haitian child need to file a Form I-800A, *Application for Determination of Suitability to Adopt a Child from a Convention Country*, to begin the Hague Adoption Convention process. Information on adopting a child from Haiti through the Hague Adoption Convention process is available on the Department of State's page on [adopting from Haiti](#).

Note: For families who have already filed a Form I-800A for Haiti, please notify the USCIS National Benefits Center (NBC) at NBC.Hague@uscis.dhs.gov if you receive an official IBESR referral while your Form I-800A application is **pending** adjudication.