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Notice: Adoptions from Kyrgyzstan to Begin with Approval of U.S. ASPs

Kyrgyzstan's adoption authority, the Ministry of Social Development, has authorized seven U.S. accredited adoption service providers (ASPs) to provide adoption services in Kyrgyzstan in accordance with its new adoption service provider regulations which were implemented on January 10, 2014. Kyrgyzstan has indicated that this is the final step in reopening Kyrgyzstan to intercountry adoptions under the new procedures.

Although these new procedures are part of the Government of Kyrgyzstan's efforts to develop adoption procedures that are consistent with the standards established by the Hague Adoption Convention, at this time Kyrgyzstan is not party to the Convention. The U.S. government will continue to process adoptions from Kyrgyzstan following the non-Hague Adoption Convention (Form I-600A and Form I-600) process.

According to the Ministry of Social Development, all adoptions from Kyrgyzstan to the United States must be processed through one of the following ASPs authorized by Kyrgyzstan:

- Across the World Adoptions
- America World Adoption
- Lifeline Children's Services
- Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Northern Michigan, Inc.
- Nightlight Christian Adoptions
- Premier Adoption Agency, Inc.
- World Links Association, Inc.

These ASPs have complete information on the procedures for adoption in Kyrgyzstan and are responsible for submitting applications on behalf of U.S. prospective adoptive parents.

Kyrgyzstan requires the submission of four post-adoption reports: six months after the adoption, and at one, two, and three years after the adoption. The Department strongly urges parents to comply with Kyrgyzstan's post-adoption requirements in a timely manner. Your authorized ASP will be able to help you with this process. Your cooperation will contribute to Kyrgyzstan's history of positive experiences with U.S. parents.

Please direct questions related to this notice, or a specific adoption from Kyrgyzstan, to the Department of State, Office of Children's Issues at 1-888-407-4747 within the United States, or 202-501-4444 from outside the United States. Email inquiries may be directed to AskCI@state.gov.