



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### Highlights

- All adopted children are one year or older at the time of referral.
- CAS has been working in Haiti for over 10 years.
- CAS specializes in relative adoptions from Haiti.

### Children

- Age 1+ at the time of referral
- Sibling groups
- Children of all ages with special needs

### Ecuador Intercountry Adoption Requirements

- Marital Status: Married couples or single men/women
- Age: 25+; One parent must be at least 30, both parents under the age of 50
- Single women: 35-50 years of age

### The Wait to Welcome Home

- Dossier to Referral: 5-6 years ; Relative Adoptions: 1-2 years
- Referral to Final Trip: 12-20 months due to Covid-19

### Excited to Travel

- 1st Trip: 2 weeks (completed virtually due to Covid-19)
- 2nd Trip: 3-5 days

Children's Adoption Services





## PROGRAM OVERVIEW EXPLAINED

### THE CHILDREN

Children available for adoption in Haiti are aged 1 year or older at the time of referral, sibling groups, older children (6+), and children with special needs. Children reside in accredited orphanages called crèches.

### THE PROGRAM

Haiti is a member of the Hague convention. The central adoption authority, IBESR, matches children with approved families. Families receive considerable information about a referred child, including a medical, social, and developmental report, photos, and information about the birth family (if known). The extent of information provided may vary among crèches. Depending on the policies in place at the child's crèche and travel restrictions, families may be able to make additional bonding trips once matched with a child.

IBESR evaluates and accredits all international adoption service providers every two years and issues approvals to work in the country of Haiti.

### THE PROCESS

With the help of our in-country partners, CAS submits dossiers to IBESR for approval and match with a child. Families will be invited to do a virtual socialization trip due to Covid-19 and travel restrictions instead of an in country 2-week bonding period. Currently due to travel restrictions families make one trip at the end of the adoption process. Families will be able to leave the country with their adopted child. In some cases, parents will fly into Haiti and are met at the airport by an in-country representative with the child. In recent cases due to travel restrictions and safety concerns, adoptive families have not left the airport and immediately fly out of Haiti the same day with their child.





# HAITI: COSTS AT A GLANCE

*\*Home Study & Primary Provider: Home Study, Placement, & Post-Adoption (available in NC, SC, & VA)*

*\*Fees may vary for relative adoption*

## Total Costs

Estimated: \$36,121 - \$42,511

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## Learn More

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Call, email or visit our website to learn more, schedule a time to speak with one of our experts, or get started on your adoption journey!

## Connect with CAS

Follow us on Facebook or Instagram, sign up for e-mail updates, or register for our Waiting Child photo listing to receive news, updates, and resources for every step of your parenting journey.

## Paying for Adoption

A Federal Tax Credit is available to qualified adoptive parents. This and other resources like grants and low-interest loans can help reduce costs. Please visit our website for more information.

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## Visit these pages for more information:

### International Adoption

<https://childrensadoptionservices.org/international-adoption/>

### Haiti

<https://childrensadoptionservices.org/project/haiti/>

### Request a Consult

<http://childrensadoptionservices.org/adoption-information-request/>

### Post Adoption Reporting

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/Intercountry-Adoption/Intercountry-Adoption-Country-Information/Armenia.html>

