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Affiliated with Reece's Rainbow, an advocacy group for orphans with Down Syndrome.

HAPS has been placing children in the Russian Federation since 1993. Currently, HAPS is working in Moscow, Krasnoyarsk, Vladivostok and Izhevsk. We employ a foreign staff to guide you through each step of the adoption. The children are tested for HIV, Hepatitis B and Syphilis. All regions except Moscow provide families with a medical report and pictures at time of referral. Over the last several years increased energy has been directed toward social reforms and the implementation of laws governing the adoption of Russian children by foreigners. Russia loves its children and accordingly has made amendments to laws which place the interest of the children first.



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RUSSIA

Traditional & Waiting Child Program

Traditional Program: The children are mostly of Russian descent with a few children being a blend of Russian, Asian, and Gypsy and range in age from 12 months to 10 years; average age at referral is 14 months. Sibling groups are available at times. All children are currently living in orphanages.

Waiting Child Program: Children with Down Syndrome, HIV+ and other special needs. Preferred Agency Partner for Reece's Rainbow Down Syndrome Adoption Ministry (reecesrainbow.org).

★ ELIGIBILITY OF ADOPTIVE PARENTS

Applicants may be married couples or single women, 25-45 years of age for infants up to 18 months. Couples should be married 3 years; however, relationships spanning at least 5 years are also acceptable. The prospective adoptive mother's age is of greater importance than the father's age. In general, adoptive mothers who are 46 years and older will be offered a child of 2 years or more. Health restrictions do apply.

★ TRAVEL

Two or three trips are currently required. The 1st trip is 6-7 days. Travel for the court date is 6-8 weeks after the first trip, providing the dossier is complete (both parents must attend). For the Court hearing, you can make 1 trip of 3 weeks or 2 trips of 1 week each. Only 1 parent must make 3rd trip. Consult the Program Director for different regional travel details.

★ PROGRAM FEES

NJ residents — 5 post-adoption visits, agency fee, tax-deductible orphanage donation, foreign support, and translation of documents. **Out-of-state residents or if homestudy has been completed by another NJ agency** — homestudy review fee (additional expenses include homestudy fee and post-adoption visits). Other additional expenses include, but are not limited to, USCIS fees, travel, accommodations, visa fee and medical exam for child.