THE PROCESS AT-A-GLANCE

- Apply to Lutheran Family Services (LFSRM) and submit necessary paperwork to initiate direct services in Colorado, while also making application with the International Primary Agency of your choice.

- Complete the Home Study process with LFSRM which includes home visits, reference checks, background checks and physicals.
  - Attend our 24 hour training class for adoptive families.

- After Home Study has been completed, LFSRM provides your written Home Study to:
  - Your International Adoption Agency
  - State of Colorado (ICPC) for approval
  - USCIS (Citizenship and Immigration Services) for Approval

- Work with International Adoption Agency to finalize all international paperwork, including the Dossier, which will be sent to the country from which you are adopting.

- Wait for referral of a child or to travel (country dependent)- facilitated by your International Adoption Agency.

- Become matched with a child or travel to the country to meet a child (country dependent).

- Travel to country to pick up your child and return to the U.S.

- Complete post-placement supervision with your LFSRM counselor, based on specific state and country requirements.

- Re-validate or Finalize Adoption (country dependent) in the State of Colorado through the court system in order to receive a U.S. Birth Certificate for your child.

**LFSRM FEES:**
A complete LFS fee agreement is attached. For any questions or clarifications, please contact a member of our team.

The following information can be made available upon request:
- The State of Colorado Annual Report for the last three calendar years which includes:
- The number of parents who apply to adopt on a yearly basis, the percentage of placements that remain intact, are disrupted or have been dissolved.

We would love to discuss our adoption program and answer any questions you may have.
Individual meetings can be scheduled with our staff by calling 303-217-5863 or emailing us at renee.teague@lfsrm.org.