





## Pakistan Primary Provider Quick Overview of the Order of the Adoption Process from Pakistan

ADOPTIONS DONE OUT OF ORDER MAY RESULT IN LONG DELAYS AND/OR DENIAL OF IMMIGRATION VISAS. TO HAVE A SUCESSFUL ADOPTION IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO PROCEED THROUGH THE ADOPTION PROCESS IN ORDER. YOU CANNOT OBTAIN GUARDIANSHIP OF A CHILD IN PAKISTAN BEFORE YOU HAVE AN APPROVED I 600 a AND HAVE RECEIVED OR OBTAINED A MEDICAL FOR THE CHILD AND SENT THE MEDICAL OF THE CHILD TO FAMILY CONNECTIONS FOR EXAMPLE. (This process order reflects the updated policies of the US government and may be a different process if you or someone you know has adopted from Pakistan in the past)

## ORDER OF THE ADOPTION PROCESS IN PAKISTAN

- Apply to Family Connections to act as Primary Provider for Pakistan
  - ♥ Send in application
  - ♥ Application fee according to the fee schedule
  - ♥ IAAME Fee according to the fee schedule
  - ♥ Pictures of home
  - ♥ Copies of passports
  - Copies of marriage certificates
  - Find a home study Provider if not a resident of NY Family Connections can help
  - ▼ Make sure Family Connections approves the home study provider
- Send Family Connections the required documents to review the home study
- ♥ Review First Draft of the home study
- If you do not have a NADRA card one or both of you will have to apply for one.
- Prepay post placement report cost to home study agency according to the fee schedule
- ♥ Pay primary provider fees/legal fees according to the fee schedule
- ♥ Pay \$5000.00 deposit fee according to the fee schedule
- ♥ Finalize Home Study
- ♥ Choose an Immigration Attorney who is approved by Family Connections
- Engage with US Immigration Attorney you have chosen to work with
- **♥** Submit I600A (do not submit this without an attorney and without the knowledge of Family Connections)
- ♥ While waiting for approval 8-10 weeks schedule an appointment to speak with Family Connections regarding selection of Pakistan entities that are resources for locating orphan children that would meet the US standards for immigration and adoption.

- ♥ Receive I600A approval
- Request a copy of the medical form from Family Connections if a relative adoption or a government adoption
- ▶ Apply to chosen resource government entity or charitable entity with whom Family Connections, Inc has obtained an approved agreement.
- ♥ Travel to Pakistan
- ♥ Locate a child
- ♥ Engage with US Immigration attorney and Primary Provider about the child, and the process to determine whether the located child is eligible to meet orphan status
- Obtain/review a medical on the child and send to Family Connections Do not get guardianship of a child until you have seen a medical and sent and discussed the medical with Family Connections
- ♥ Engage an attorney in Pakistan, with the assistance of your US
- ♥ Receive guardianship of child
- ♥ Send guardianship order to Family Connections
- ♥ Have VISA medical completed for the child
- ♥ Get new birth certificate for child
- Get Pakistan passport for the child
- ♥ Submit I600 in Pakistan with assistance of immigration attorney
- ♥ Receive I 600 approval
- ♥ Submit DS260 online
- ♥ Receive Visa (IR4)
- ▼ Travel back to US
- ♥ Apply for tax id# if you will not finalize in the United States by April 15<sup>th</sup> of your next tax return
- ♥ Begin post placement visits required by Family Connections and your state (2-6 visits depending on your state of residence)
- ♥ Engage an attorney who specializes in Domestic US adoptions (an AAAA attorney is recommended)
- Submit petition to adopt the child in the US to the US Court having jurisdiction of domestic adoptions in your town/city
- ♥ Finalize Pakistan child placement in US Court (usually family/surrogates court)
- ♥ Send Order of Adoption to Family Connections
- ♥ Apply for social security card
- ♥ Receive \$5000.00 deposit back as soon as Family Connections has both required post placements as well as a copy of the child's Pakistan Passport, visa, birth certificate, guardianship document, and proof of finalization
- ♥ Apply for Certificate of Citizenship from USCIS
- ♥ Receive Certificate of Citizenship
- ◆ Apply for Passport (you can also apply for a passport with the Order of Adoption if you are planning to travel soon after the adoption is finalized in the US)
- ♥ Have a party to celebrate the end of the adoption paperwork

If you have any questions regarding the order of the adoption process and its importance or how the specific tasks to be done for an adoption may apply to relative adoptions please call us and we can further explain these to you.