

# China Process Information

Main Steps	Lifeline Adoption Process:	Notes
Application	Apply	Application online <a href="http://www.lifelinechild.org">www.lifelinechild.org</a>
	Meet Lifeline Program Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome Call</li> <li>Orientation Interview</li> </ul>	Within a few days of approval Within a couple weeks of approval
Home Study	Home Study Process: (2-4 months)	With Lifeline or other Home Study Agency
Immigration 800A	800A (60-90 days average)	Will need new set of fingerprints for USCIS (biometric fingerprint appointment will be issued by USCIS)
Dossier	Dossier – compilation and authentication (2 weeks)	12 documents will be authenticated concurrently with the immigration process. Some documents from home study (FBI clearances, employment letters, etc. can be used for this). I-800A will be authenticated separately.
	Submit dossier to CCCWA (Chinese adoption central authority) for review and approval	2-3 months, average from time of Log In Date (or PA if matching with a special needs child)
	Receive Letter of Acceptance (LOA) at the end of review	*Once the dossier has been submitted the central authority may request more information or additional documents
Matching	Match with a special needs or special focus waiting child; family may identify a child from Lifeline’s website, or social worker can call with a referral	Special focus children may be matched at any time in the process, concurrently with home study I-800A, or dossier; special needs children cannot be matched until the dossier has been submitted to CCCWA
	Submit Letter of Intent (LOI) to CCCWA; receive Pre-Approval (PA)	Average 3-4 weeks
Immigration (1-800)	Immigration Approval	4 weeks, average
Article 5	Submit Article 5 documents to US embassy in Guangzhou to process child’s visa	2 weeks, average
Travel	Gotcha Day, finalize adoption, orphanage visit (1st week in child’s province) Consulate appointment and medical (2nd week in Guangzhou)	10-14 days, average
Post Adoption	Follow-up services (Post Adoption Meetings)	Post reports are due at 3 months, 12 months, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years and 5 years post adoption.