

# Colombia Process Information

Main Steps	Lifeline Adoption Process:	Notes
Application	Apply	*No transfer fee if change mind 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 (600A or 800A)	Immigration – 600A or 800A (60 -90 days average)	Will need new set of fingerprints for USCIS (biometric fingerprint appointment will be issued by USCIS)
Dossier	Dossier (3 months average to compile)	NOTE: This process will happen concurrently with the Immigration process. Some documents (FBI clearances, employment letters, and more can be used again for this stage).
	Submit dossier to representative for translation (approximately 3-4 weeks)	Will need to have psychological evaluation completed during this time and meet other country requirements for appropriate documentation.
Approval	Submit dossier to central authority for review and approval (depends on country)	2-3 months
	Receive country's response , provide your response, and wait for final approval	* Once the dossier has been submitted the central authority may request more information or additional documents
Matching	Receive Referral	Colombia:2-24months
	- Depending on ages/ needs/ number of children, timeline can vary from 2 months to 3 years.  -If Waiting Children, this process can move much faster. If not, it can take more time to be matched.	
Immigration (600 or 800)	Immigration Approval – 600 or 800 (average time frame is on average 2 months)	Must obtain 800 provisional approval, file DS260 online, and receive Article 5 before travel approval can be granted.  After matching by central authority, travel occurs approximately within 2-3 months.
Travel	Travel to country	Colombia: 3-7 weeks *One parent can return to USA after first 2-3 weeks of bonding has been completed. *Travel time in country varies based on child's region and orphanage
Finalize Adoption	Court-finalize adoption/ guardianship	Adoption finalized in country. Child becomes US citizen upon entry into the USA.
Post Adoption	Follow-up services (Post Adoptions Meetings)	