



# Hosting Checklist COLOMBIA



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- 1. Frontier Horizon Application (with fee)**

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- 2. CHI Application (\$25 fee)**

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- 3. Endorsement Letter (written by CHI)**

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- 4. Home Safety Report/Home Study (written by a Social Worker)**

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- 5. State Criminal and Child Abuse Background Check**

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- 6. Ten hours online of Hague approved Adoption Education (free code provided by CHI)**

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- 7. 20+ family photos**

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- 8. One video of your family and home**

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- 9. Advocacy letter plan for the child/ren (hosting families only)**

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# INSTRUCTIONS

## **1. & 2. APPLICATIONS**

After you sign up for hosting through Frontier Horizon and pay their hosting fee \$2,795.00 (per child; sponsorship available for siblings), you will complete a CHI Agency Application and pay the \$25.00 application fee. Once this is completed, you will be directed to CHI's online portal, E-Adopt - this is where all communication will be held throughout your experience with CHI from this point forward!

## **3. ENDORSEMENT LETTER**

The Agency will approve the hosting family and match after reviewing all the documents requested.

## **4. HOME SAFETY REPORT (HSR)**

What is a Home Safety Report? It can be completed by an independent Social Worker but is recommended to do use a Hague approved agency. Instructions and a template will be provided.

If you decide to continue with an adoption, a more detailed Home Study report is required from a Hague approved provider. Using a Hague Agency could save you time and money on the home study for adoption as they will have already visited your home and gathered information on your family.

CHI will provide this service in the following states: Florida, Idaho, Louisiana, Texas, Utah and Washington. CHI can also refer you to a Hague approved agency in your State. CHI will provide detailed instructions and a template for this report



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## **5. STATE CRIMINAL AND CHILD ABUSE BACKGROUND CHECK**

These document can be done either by you or by your Social Worker. It is required one each host parent and anyone living in the host home over 17 years of age. It is best for your Social Worker to complete this, however if that is not possible, please ask CHI and we will send you the information on how to complete this.

## **6. ADOPTION/HOSTING EDUCATION**

All parents are required to complete at least 10 hours of Hague Training to be a host. We have seen substantial benefits when parent training is finished prior to your Home Safety Report, so families should begin these courses BEFORE meeting with your social worker. Please do make sure both parents names are on each certificate.

We suggest families take online courses from Creating A Family's hosting package -this package is free with our agency code: **chia19**  
<https://www.adopted.org/bundles/hosting-package>

We do accept parent training from other programs, only if it covers all the subjects required by The Hague Convention. Please obtain prior approval before completing alternate trainings.



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## **7. FAMILY PHOTOS**

The Colombian government loves photos! You will need to include 20+ photographs. Photos should be arranged 2-4 to a page and labeled in English and in Spanish.

These should include several of you, your spouse, and children (if applicable) and extended family. Photos of the exterior and interior of your home should be included and the bed and room where your host child will be staying should be clearly labeled. The Colombian Government appreciates photos of quality time spent as a family unit: vacations, family dinners, spontaneous road trips, etc. Please take time finding photos which portray yourself, your home, and family in a clear, well-presented, authentic manner. These will be used to give a visual representation of your family to officials reviewing your hosting request.

These do not need to be professional photos but should be clear snapshots of you and your family taking part in things you enjoy, both inside and outside the confines of your home.

## **8. VIDEO OF YOUR FAMILY AND HOME**

The video should include all of the family members and a brief tour around the house. Please keep it simple and small, no more than 5 minutes long.

## **9. ADVOCACY LETTER PLAN**

If you are going to be an advocacy family ONLY, the Colombian Government requires a letter where you explain in a concise manner the plans you have to advocate for your hosting child/ren. Activities you will be involved in at church, in your neighborhood, maybe family meetings, etc.