

TAIWAN



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Taiwan has maintained a small but stable international program for many years. Some agencies have temporarily placed their Taiwan programs on hold for new families. The program has some of the same benefits as adoption from China but has differences as well. Many agencies have programs where birth families actually chose the adoptive family as well as a traditional placing program.

All the children who are available for adoption are examined and tested for HIV, Hepatitis B, and tuberculosis prior to being matched and referred to a family. Parents will receive social and medical information on a referred child, which will include photographs.

Taiwan - Children available for adoption include:

- Infants and toddlers 6 months old and above
- Children with special needs

- Older children, ages 3 years and above

Taiwan - Requirements:

- Married couples can adopt
- Couples must be married a minimum of five years
- Applicants must be at least twenty years older than the adoptee
- Applicants must be between 30 to 43 years old at time of application
- Couples of Chinese descent preferred
- Preference is given to CHILDLESS couples