

WELCOME HOME

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The journey of adoption that you began so long ago with such anticipation and excitement has resulted in the ultimate blessing. Congratulations to your family! We hope that your journey was a good one and you are now settling into your new life with your child(ren). As you know, your adoption journey continues with completing post-placement reporting requirement, finalizing your adoption, obtaining U.S. Citizenship for your child, and any other necessary steps. Your International Adoption Specialist (IAS) will continue to work with you and provide case management services during your post-placement supervision period. Your IAS can continue to be reached via their AGCI email.

AGCI will work collaboratively with your family and your post-placement agency to ensure all requirements are met during the post-placement phase. We are also here to provide support to your family during this time. This packet outlines the Philippines' post-placement report requirements and when your reports are due. Your agency has been sent an email detailing the post-placement report requirements, number of reports needed, and the dates reports are due in our office. Please check-in with your social worker and confirm your first post-placement visit. Be sure to set up appointments for your next several post-placement visits right away to avoid a last-minute rush. Once your post-placement reports arrive at AGCI, they will be processed and sent to the Philippines.

AGCI requires post-placement reports for all adoptions. As a child-centered agency it is important to continue supporting families after their children come home, and one of the best ways is through post-placement reports. These reports are extremely important, not only as updates to your child's birth country, but also for the future of all adoptions. Over the past few years, international adoption and post-placement requirements have increased and, in some cases, a failure to comply with post-placement report requirements has caused countries to close to all future adoptions. Please help AGCI continue to find forever families for orphaned children around the world by completing your post-placement reports accurately and on time. Not doing so could have dire consequences for the children and families who come after you.

We strive to be there for you as your family transitions back into a daily routine. Please know that all families face challenges during this time. AGCI's Adoption Team will be available to support you through any struggles you may have in the future. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need any support in the coming weeks, months, and years.

Blessings,
AGCI's Adoption Team

PHILIPPINES POST-PLACEMENT SCHEDULE

Family Name _____ Child(ren)'s Name _____

Arrived Home Date _____ Age of Child(ren) at Placement _____

REPORT	WRITTEN BY	DUE TO AGCI	DATE COMPLETED	DATE SENT TO AGCI
1 month	Social Worker			
2 months	Family Self Report			
3 months	Family Self Report			
4 months	Social Worker			
5 months	Family Self Report			
6 months	Social Worker			
7 months (if required) *	Family Self Report			
8 months (if required) *	Social Worker			
Bi-Monthly	Family Self Report	Due to AGCI every other month, beginning with month 8, and until adoption finalization.		

REPORT REQUIREMENTS

- Post-placement reports will be prepared, signed by a licensed social worker or equivalent competent authority in your state of residence and notarized. The assigned worker must complete the home visit no more than 30 days prior to the due date, with all family members present.
- One original, notarized report on your local agency's letterhead must be scanned and emailed to AGCI as outlined below by each due date. Copies of the local agency's license and the social worker or equivalent professional's license (if applicable) must be attached to each report behind the signature page.
- For post-placement self-reports, the family will be provided a link to complete the report in the reminder email when it comes time for the report to be due. Post-placement self-reports will be prepared by the family and must be completed and submitted either online or printed, filled out, and emailed to AGCI. These are due to AGCI within one week of due date.
- With each report, 10 to 15 photos of the child must be submitted. Photos should follow specified requirements as detailed below.
- Your state of residence may have additional post-placement reporting requirements. Please check with your social worker regarding state requirements.
- If adopting siblings, separate reports must be prepared for each child.

PHOTO REQUIREMENTS

- Please provide 10 to 15 good-quality color photos, including at least one family photo, some full body photos of the adopted child, and close-up photos of the child's face.
- Please be sure your child is appropriately clothed in all photos (swimsuits are acceptable).
- Please email your photos and reports to postadoption@allgodschildren.org.
- Include your family's name and the child's full name when you email your photos

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SEND REPORTS AND PHOTOS TO

postadoption@allgodschildren.org

If you would like to submit photos for use in AGCI marketing materials, please email full-sized, high-quality photos to postadoption@allgodschildren.org and note in your email that the photos are for use in AGCI's marketing materials. We appreciate all submissions!

MEDICAL INFORMATION

MEDICAL INSURANCE

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (Public Law 103-66) was signed by President Clinton on August 10, 1993. It amended the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) of 1974. The law now requires any group health plan, which provides coverage for dependent children of plan participants, to provide benefits to a child placed with participants for adoption under the same terms and conditions that apply to a biological child of a plan participant.

Additionally, the law prohibits carriers from restricting coverage of adopted children on the basis of a pre-existing condition. Therefore, health insurance coverage for adopted children is now available to all families covered by group health plans as soon as those families assume legal and financial responsibility for the child.

You should contact your employer's human resources department or your medical insurance company to be sure you understand how and when to enroll your adopted child under your policy.

AGCI will write letters, if needed, to your insurance company confirming your adoption.

MEDICAL EVALUATION

Once you and your child have arrived home, AGCI strongly recommends scheduling a full medical evaluation for your child as soon as possible. Your child should be evaluated for all conditions your international adoption specializing pediatrician recommends.

FINALIZATION

FINALIZATION PROCESS

Upon completion of all post placement reporting requirements, AP must finalize the adoption in the United States. Post placement reporting must continue bimonthly until AGCI has received the Affidavit of Consent from the Philippines. AP's can finalize their child's adoption once they have received the Affidavit of Consent. AP's are encouraged to request assistance from their post placement agency and/or an adoption attorney in their state for finalization assistance. AP's will submit a copy of the final Court Decree to their IAS once the adoption has been finalized.

U.S. CERTIFICATE OF CITIZENSHIP

VISA

Your child will immigrate to the United States on an IH-4 Visa. The IH-4 visa is issued to children from Hague Convention countries who will be adopted in the United States by U.S. citizens. AP's will have legal guardianship issued in the child's country and will finalize the adoption in the US after the post placement reporting period is complete.

U.S. CITIZENSHIP

The Child Citizenship Act of 2000 became effective February 27, 2001. The Act allows foreign-born adopted children of U.S. citizens to acquire U.S. citizenship automatically if they satisfy certain requirements before age 18. This Act allows adoptive parents to apply for Certificates of Citizenship, at no extra charge, for adopted children who entered the U.S. on an IH-4 visa after the adoption is finalized in the U.S.

To apply for a Certificate of Citizenship, complete USCIS Form N-600, located here: <https://www.uscis.gov/n-600> Most families complete the application online. It can take several months to receive the Certificate of Citizenship in the mail.

Please provide AGCI with a copy of your child's U.S. Certificate of Citizenship after you receive it.

U.S. PASSPORT

PASSPORT APPLICATION PROCESS

AGCI recommends that you obtain a United States passport for your child. A United States passport is required for travel outside of the U.S.

The United States passport does not replace AGCI's Certificate of Citizenship requirements. The passport expires and there is no guarantee it will be reissued. The Certificate of Citizenship does not expire and will register your child's citizenship status at a federal level.

For information about applying for a passport, please go to http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html or call the National Passport Information Center.

National Passport Information Center

Toll-free: 1-877-487-2778

Automated information is available 24 hours a day

Speak with a representative Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. EST, excluding federal holidays.

SOCIAL SECURITY CARD

SOCIAL SECURITY CARD PROCESS

Once you have obtained your child's Certificate of Citizenship, you will need to apply for a social security number for your child. To learn more about the documentation required and the process, visit the following website:

[Learn what documents you will need to get a Social Security Card | SSA](#)

You can apply online ([Request a Social Security number | SSA](#)). You can also apply in-person at your local social security office. If you choose to apply in-person, we encourage you to call the office ahead of time to ensure you bring the correct documentation.

If you obtained a social security card for your child during the post placement period, after you receive your Certificate of Citizenship, you will want to do a name change with Social Security. You will also need to show them a copy of the Certificate of Citizenship so they list your child as a US Citizen in the Social Security Administration database. Failure to complete this step will result in issues down the road (i.e, applying for college financial aid).

We recommend ensuring you have the following documents to apply for a social security number:

- U.S. Certificate of Citizenship
- Original Birth Certificate
- Original/Foreign Passport
- Foreign Adoption Decree
- U.S. Adoption Decree (if applicable)