



ADOPTIVE PARENT EDUCATION

The Hague Convention for the Protection of Children requires that all prospective adoptive parents have a **minimum** of 10 hours of Hague-compliant adoption education that covers a list of specified topics. The minimum requirement for clients adopting from China is 12 hours.

ALABAMA RESIDENTS (for whom Children of the World is conducting a home study):

Children of the World requires the Hague Package through Adoption Learning Partners. This 10-hour program can be ordered and completed online at

www.adoptionlearningpartners.org/catalog/courses/hague-adoption-education.cfm

CHINA CLIENTS: Children of the World requires the Hague Package for China through

Adoption Learning Partners. This 12-hour program can be ordered and completed online at

www.adoptionlearningpartners.org/catalog/courses/hague-adoption-education-china.cfm

OUT-OF-STATE RESIDENTS: Your home study agency may have alternate or additional requirements. Your home study agency is responsible for ensuring their education options are Hague-compliant. You and your home study social worker will sign our Verification of Education Form assuring that the education meets the requirements of the Convention.

ALL CLIENTS: Children of the World requires all adoptive parents read the book The Connected Child by Karen Purvis. You can purchase this book on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) or at most major bookstores.

We created an online questionnaire for you to document your completion of the education requirements. On this website, you will upload your certificates of completion and complete checklists that correspond to your stage in the process. You will also answer a series of questions on the book.

Many families do much more reading and research than what is required, which we encourage! Therefore, we created a place on the website for you to document any additional education you complete over and above the required training. There is no cost associated with completing the online questionnaire for adoption education credit. You can access the online questionnaire at www.childrenoftheworld.com/adoption-education.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF SITE:

1. Create a username and password to log in. Record and store your log in information. You will have to sign in after each stage of the process.
2. Choose the appropriate stage that describes where you currently are in the process.
3. Complete the corresponding questionnaires. After you complete all of the items that are showing, make sure to press SAVE to save your work. You will complete a questionnaire after each stage of the process. Do not SUBMIT your work until you completed the final stage of the process.
4. You will SUBMIT your work after you have completed every stage of the process, as you are preparing to travel.

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The 10-12 hours of Hague-compliant education must be completed PRIOR to the completion of your home study.

The book and the online questionnaires must be completed PRIOR to the issuance of a referral (match).

Additional training will be required at the time of referral based on the specific special needs of the child you are considering.

