

Medical Conditions Checklist - Haiti

Profile of Children from Haiti

Most children are healthy and within normal ranges for development. Due to wide spread poverty in Haiti, many of the children exhibit signs of malnutrition upon admittance to the program, from which they quickly improve when provided good nutrition and medical care. Haiti is a Hague Convention country. Subsequently, IBESR, the Central Authority, is now responsible for matching children with adoptive families. However, there are currently no clear guidelines as to how they will manage the referral and processing of children who are older, have medical and/or developmental delays, are part of a sibling group, or have other types of special needs. Until that happens, and specific children are identified, we will not be able to take advantage of Holt's Waiting Child Program (WCP).

With IBESR now in charge of matching, families could be matched with a child from any orphanage in Haiti. Although Quarterly Child Reports and photos will be provided to update adoptive parents with their child's most current health and developmental information, what orphanage the child is referred from could cause variances in frequency and content of child updates provided to adoptive parents.

To be referred a child, adoptive families must submit a dossier to IBESR and be put on their list of approved applicants.

Age: Between 2 to 5 years old.

Gender: Families can specify gender.

Most children are in good health; however, all families must be open to adopting a child with the following common medical conditions.

- ✓ Prematurity and related medical issues and delays
- ✓ Heart murmur (often resolved)
- ✓ Heart conditions not requiring surgery
- ✓ Skin conditions
- ✓ Minor/moderate developmental delays
- ✓ Minor issues as related to malnutrition

- Open to considering additional special needs on a case-by-case basis**

Other special needs that your family could be open to are listed below. Please mark any you would be open to.

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| <input type="radio"/> Older children (6+ years) | <input type="radio"/> Seizures |
| <input type="radio"/> Sibling group | <input type="radio"/> HIV/AIDS |
| <input type="radio"/> Cleft lip/palate | <input type="radio"/> Hepatitis C |
| <input type="radio"/> Vision impairment | <input type="radio"/> Downs Syndrome |
| <input type="radio"/> Hearing impairment | <input type="radio"/> Language Delays (moderate/major) |
| <input type="radio"/> Neurological conditions | <input type="radio"/> Developmental Delays (moderate/major) |
| <input type="radio"/> Macrocephaly | <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Microcephaly | |

Adoptive Parents

Name (printed): _____ Signature/Date: _____

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