



JULYANA ADOPTION CONSULTANT SERVICES

Please find below information that will allow you to know about the different consultant services that will be provided and the reasons why you should consider developing an adoption program in Colombia at this time.

After working in Colombia as an adoption attorney specialist from 1986 to 1999 with more than 700 families from Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Holland, Belgium, England, France, Italy, Spain; and more than 500 families in the United States from 1999 to 2011, I considered that it was important to facilitate adoption services for agencies, adoptive parents and adoptees from Colombia. "Julyana Adoption Consultant Services LLC" was created to serve some of your needs. Julyana Adoption Consultant Services LLC, will provide the following services:

FOR THE AGENCIES:

- Assistance with paperwork for Re-accreditation and Accreditation before Colombia Central Authority (ICBF).
- Assistance with paperwork to be granted Non Governmental Organization status in Colombia.
- Assistance with paperwork to obtain Tax ID in Colombia (R.U.T.) before the Internal Revenue Service in Colombia (DIAN).
- Assistance to open bank account in Colombia.

The above paperwork procedure is estimated to be done in three months, not meaning that ICBF will grant accreditation (authorization) during these three months. Shipment and translation of documents is not included.

After, petition of accreditation is presented to ICBF, all communication required with ICBF during the review of paperwork and approval of petition, is included, with NO additional cost. ICBF has not established a precise time frame for this procedure. In September of 2007, ICBF implemented the requirement of reaccreditation or accreditation (which is called "Authorization") and it took them, from May 2009 to May 2011 to precise all the specific requirements to be granted with reaccreditation or accreditation; today the Committee of Accreditation is holding biweekly meetings and has promised to expedite the approval as much as possible. If, ICBF is taking much more time than estimated for the reaccreditation or accreditation resolution, a trip to Colombia is recommended with the Executive Director or International Programs Director. If this is the case, no professional fees are to be paid different than travel expenses.

Once Re-accreditation or accreditation is granted by Colombian authorities, the agency will need to develop the program and maintain it active. For this purpose, the following services would be provided:

- Training with agency's staff as needed.
- Presentation of seminars and webinars according to agency's budget.
- Attendance to any adoption event that agency considers important according to agency's budget.
- Permanent contact available with caseworkers or case managers.
- Review of Home Study and Psychological Report to see if it fits with Colombian guidelines.
- Biweekly update of in country cases (dossiers in Colombia), and on ICBF Guidelines as needed.
- Coordination with agency staff and Colombia team about Waiting Children Program.
- Coordination with agency staff and Colombia team about Mission Trips and Humanitarian Aid Projects.
- Coordination with agency staff and Colombia team about Host/Vacation Programs.
- Coordination of relationship with three "Casas Privadas" (Private Homes- Delegated entities by ICBF to develop adoption program).
- Review of dossier previous to be sent to Colombia.
- Coordination with Colombia team with regards of:
 1. Translation of dossier.
 2. Registration of dossier before ICBF or "Casas Privadas" (Private Homes).
 3. Follow up with dossier progress for approval and assignation (referral).
 4. Review and translation of referral.
 5. Travel talk and preparation (with case/manager) for meeting the child(ren) and in country experience.
 6. Coordination with agency with regards of follow up visits for Post Adoption Reports.
 7. The total fees to be paid as Foreign Services Provider (FSP) includes the above services, medical and psychological evaluation of children and translation of dossier, referral and updates on dossier documents.

Fees will be the same for one child as for any number of children (siblings), the only fee that will vary is the medical and psychological evaluation, and the translation of referral, if the children background information is more than 150 pages. The FSP fees will be reduced for Medical special needs children cases.

Services will be provided on a Consultant base in which costs will be shared with different agencies. The consultant entity is "JULYANA Adoption Consultant Services LLC". The legal representation of the agency must be delegated to Raul Velez Velez or to one of his attorneys in Colombia. Raul will coordinate and supervise the Colombia team as foreign services providers. Your program will be strongly developed in the three main cities of Colombia; Bogota, Medellin and Cali having a permanent foreign provider in each city, but not limited to have contact staff in all the other 26 Regions of Colombia. Once re-accreditation or accreditation is approved, you must have an operational office in Colombia, which in your case will be located in Medellin. For a monthly fee, you will have an office space with full time secretary/receptionist, one paralegal, a phone line and internet access. In addition you must also open a bank account and have an Administrative person in charge of; accounting, wires, payment of local taxes, attorneys, translators and guide/interpreters. In summary you will need to add this to your current agency direct fees as part of your operational budget.

We are aware that being part of a group of agencies may bring an uncomfortable feeling with regards of confidentiality issues related to agencies' policies and procedures; but it is Julyana's Adoptions responsibility to respect this and maintain each agency at the standard that ICBF requires to be in compliance for future accreditation. We are also aware that to develop a program, it takes time and investment at the very beginning, so we consider that sharing expenses is beneficial for the group of agencies that may be part of the consultant services.

SERVICES PROVIDED FOR PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENTS

- Providing information about Colombia process, previous to selection of agency.
- Assistance with selection of agency.
- Facilitating to obtain Colombian birth certificate for adoptive parents that were born in USA to a Colombian parent.
- Facilitating to obtain Visa to travel to Colombia after acceptance of referral.
- Guidance and travel talk after acceptance of referral.

SERVICES PROVIDED FOR ADOPTEES

- Assistance to find birth mother and or birth relatives.
- Assistance to be part of the host/vacation program.

WHY DEVELOP A PROGRAM WITH COLOMBIA TODAY

- ICBF (Colombia Central Authority) was created in 1968, since that time to date, adoptions have been going on in Colombia.
- ICBF implemented The Hague Treaty and although USA only did it in April 2008, adoptions with USA were not stopped considering that ICBF respects American agencies and trusts American families to place their children with.
- During the last 12 years, ICBF has placed 3,200 children average per year; from which 75% are international families and 25% Colombians. 63 International agencies are currently accredited in Colombia, 16 are Americans. 320 Colombian children are placed, average per year; but currently there are more than 7,800 children waiting for a home.
- Children are available from 4 months to 16 years old. Boys and Girls are very even on statistics.
- ICBF has invited new agencies to work with Colombia to assist with older children and siblings groups, although there are children 6 and under available under the following time frame for referrals:
 1. Seven to twelve months after dossier approved; children 0 to 35 months considered infants; for local Colombian Nationals living in Colombia ages, 25 to 40 years old.
 2. Two to four months after dossier approved , children 0 to 35 months for Colombian nationals living abroad (in USA) ages from 25 to 40 years old
 3. Two to four months after dossier approval, Infants with special medical needs, for single men, single women, and couples from 25 to 55 ;
 4. Thirty six to forty eight months after dossier approval, Infants (0 to 35 months) for American families from 25 to 38.
 5. Children from 3 to 6 years old have a proportional similar time frame as the above categories; depending if families are of Colombian descent or American.

Colombia Central Authority, ICBF is in the need of placing more than 7,800 children that are ready for immediate placement. These children are considered “children of special characteristics “ meaning ;

- Individual children 7 years and over.
- Siblings groups of two children in which one is at least 7 years or over.
- Any age of three or more siblings groups.
- Any age of medical special needs children.

IF YOUR AGENCY IS COMMITTED AND WILLING TO FIND FOREVER LOVING, SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES, for the above mentioned children, you should think on developing the program in Colombia.

ICBF has established an exceptional procedure for the placement of the mentioned children expediting the dossier review process to about 15 days after the dossier has been presented to ICBF, and reducing the referral process to 3 to 5 months average after dossier approval.

ICBF has also requested that accredited agencies work with Colombian descent families living abroad for which they have created "the privilege of protocol" to expedite the adoption process including infant referrals.

Through our consultant services we can create a Waiting Children Program through which your families can be presented with pre-identified children to expedite even more the referral process. We can also facilitate that your families host in the United States or be hosted in Colombia, by the child(ren) they may want to adopt.

More than acting as a Foreign Services Providers for your agency, JULYANA Adoption Consultant Services will assist you with the development of your program in Colombia and to keep it active. Looking forward to having many happy children and families per year.

Sincerely,

Raul Velez-Velez
Executive Director
JULYANA Adoption Consultant Services LLC.