

Colombia Hosting Program: Frequently Asked Questions

What ages of children are available for hosting?

Children available for the program currently range in age from three years to fourteen years. The older children (i.e., age eight and older) tend to be healthy and able-bodied, whereas the younger children will usually have some form of disability or special need.

Are pictures of the children available?

Pictures are available to interested families but may not be published in any form.

Should families consider signing up for the program even if they are not ready to adopt?

Families who are not considering adoption are welcome to participate in the program, but will still be required to submit an application and a completed home study.

How long will the children be in the States through this program?

The normal length of stay for the children is three to four weeks, after which they will return to Colombia.

What are the costs to the hosting family?

Fees for host families to participate in the program range from \$3500 to \$4800, depending on the specific requirements associated with the children being hosted. The fees cover training, supervisory visits, professional support services, translation of documents, interpreter, travel expenses, visas, medical insurance for the children, and Colombian chaperons.

Are there training requirements for the hosting family?

There may be training requirements for the host family for certain special needs, on a case-by-case basis.

Are sibling groups available?

Yes, there are sibling groups available.

What are the disabilities or medical conditions available?

These factors vary greatly, depending on which children are selected to participate in the program (at the Colombian end) at any given time.

What are the participating children told about their trip to the United States?

The children are all available for adoption. They are told that they are coming to the States for a vacation and to spend time in a family setting. However, many of these children have contact with other children in their region (in Colombia) who have participated in similar programs, and so some will know that adoption by the host family is a possibility.