

The Children in Family Security Act of 2021

Reprioritized & Reshuffled Duties

Overseen by a Director, appointed by the Secretary of State. The Director and all personell must have personal or professional experience in intercountry adoption.

New Division: Promoting Best Practices for Foreign Child Welfare Systems

The Act states that "It is the sense of Congress that . . . the United States can assist children around the world who are living without family care or who are at risk of living without family care by advocating for and providing technical assistance related to the implementation of laws, regulations policies, and procedures that (A) reflect the best interests of such children in a child welfare system of a foreign government; and (B) ensure that intercountry adoption is a available and fully developed option."

Duties

Drafting, disseminating, and implementing legislation, regulations, policies, procedures, and other government measures; and developing workforce training

Establishing public, private, and faith- and community-based partnerships.

Identifying and documenting the number and needs of children who are living without or are at risk of living without family care

Transmitting intercountry adoption-related case information to other Central Authorities and as requested to the Department of Homeland Security

Duties

Executes Convention obligations of the Ambassador at Large

New Division: Executing Bilateral Responsibilities of the Hague Adoption Convention

NOTE "Family preservation" in the Act is defined as "measures taken to keep a child within the care of his or her parent or parents."

New Division: Oversight of the Hague Adoption Convention

Ambassador at Large for Children in Family Security

Apointed by the President. Will serve as the head of the Central Authority

Office of Children's Issues

Current office that serves as the Central Authority for the United States under the Hague Adoption Convention

New: Office of Children in Family Security

New office that will serve as the Central Authority for the United States under the Hague Adoption Convention.

Is given the mission to develop "a set of procedures and criteria" that will govern the intercountry adoption of children to and from the U.S.



Replaces current office handling Central Authority obligations

