

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT

H.A.P.S HAS ACHIEVED FULL HAGUE ACCREDITATION As of 4/6/09

HAPS (Homestudies & Adoption Placement Services) is pleased to announce that we have received our FULL Accreditation as an approved Hague Adoption Service Provider (ASP). This accreditation was granted by the U.S. Dept. of State through the Council on Accreditation (COA) on March 5, 2009. It enables us to provide adoption services, including but not limited to, home study evaluations, placement services and post-placement and post-adoption services for all Hague Convention countries. We can serve as a Primary and Supervised Provider for all families wishing to adopt a child from a Hague Convention country. (This is in addition to the homestudies, placement and post-placement services which we also provide for families who are adopting from non-Hague countries or through a domestic adoption). This accreditation recognizes that HAPS meets the highest "Best Practice Standards".

HAPS is also delighted to announce the expansion of our Russian program. We are actively seeking adoptive applicants for both boys and girls from approximately 14 months of age and older. Russia will accept married couples or single women who are no more than 45 to 48 years older than the child/ren they wish to adopt. Russia will not accept an applicant who has been treated for "clinical depression or nervous disorders". From the time the dossier is registered in Russia, there is an anticipated 1 to 3 month wait for the referral of a boy, and approximately six months (or longer) for the referral of a girl. Interested adoptive applicants may contact our Russian Program Coordinator, Kathy, directly at 973-383-9299.

HAPS also is expanding our domestic placement program in providing services to all members of the adoption triad, including but not limited to counseling, networking, placement, and post-placement services.

We would be happy to assist any families who may be interested in any of our services, and are especially in need of families for our Russian program.