

## **COLOMBIA ADOPTIONS**

Colombia is a signatory to The Hague Adoption Convention.

We are currently accepting applications of BC residents for adoptions of relative and non-relative adoptions from Colombia.

## The Parents

- Applicants must be of Colombian heritage. To be considered Colombian heritage, at least one applicant must be able to provide a Colombian passport or Cedula card.
- Single applicants and couples who are married or in a common law relationship may apply.
- Same sex couples may apply.
- Must be between 25 55 years old.
- Single applicants must be under 45 years.
- If you are a couple you must be married or cohabited for at least 3 years.
- Each applicant may have a maximum of two divorces.
- The number of children already in the home is taken into consideration during the preselection and referral process.
- Applicants must be in good physical and mental health.
- A psychological evaluation is required for all applicants.
- Applicants must be in a secure financial situation.
- At least one applicant must be a Canadian citizen.
- No current cannabis use.

## <u>The Children</u>

- Sunrise facilitates adoptions of children between 1 and 8 years of age.
- The greatest need is for families to be open to school-age children, sibling groups and children with identified needs or special characteristics.
- All children are of Hispanic, Indian, African or mixed racial heritage.
- Children commonly have been relinquished, abandoned or have had a termination of parental rights due to abuse or neglect.

There are certain age ranges that are considered by ICBF when determining an adoptive parent's eligibility to adopt a child. The referral criteria are based on the best interests of the child.