

MEXICO ADOPTIONS

Mexico is a signatory to The Hague Adoption Convention. Sunrise is accredited by the Sistema Nacional para el Desarrollo Integral de la Familia to help final families for children in Mexico.

The Parents

- Residents of British Columbia and residents of any other province in Canada (except Ontario and Quebec).
- Must be over the age of 25 years. There is no upper age limit however there must be no greater age gap between child and parent than 45 years.
- If you are a couple you must be married for at least 3 years or have been married and in a common law relationship for at least 3 years.
- Same gender couples may apply.
- Single applicants may apply.
- There is no limit on children already in the family home.
- Parents must demonstrate the financial means to support the physical and educational needs of the child.
- Applicants must be in good physical and mental health. A psychological evaluation is required for all applicants.
- Not currently using cannabis or illicit substances.

<u>The Children</u>

- The children are typically relinquished or abandoned and come from complex family backgrounds.
- Children that can be adopted internationally are between 1 8 years old. Mexico may, in its discretion, place a child under the age of 5 years if the child has a physical or mental disability, suffers from a disease that is costly to treat or is part of a sibling group involving children older than 5 years who are also being adopted.
- The greatest need is for families to be open to school-age children, sibling groups and children with identified needs.

Relative Adoptions

Sunrise also facilitates relative adoptions (the adoption of a child related to you) from Mexico.