

**Possible Federal Adoption Body and State Offices**

**Office of Inter-country Adoptions (OIA)**

Office deals with all policy and methodology of inter-country adoption plus final approval of adoptive couples. Provides, media and information resources for inter-country adoption

To ensure the relevance of the body, and the links of communication remaining open, regular meetings between office heads and central office will ensure the effectiveness of policy and the efficiency of the process.

**State Office of Inter-country Adoptions.**

State Office is responsible for adoption seminars, expression of interests and responsible for the preparation of all paper work and report process to the final point of approval. Also responsible for files being prepared for sending to adopting countries, receipt of allocation notices and allocation.

Offices consist of 12-15 (for the larger States) individuals working full time in clerical and case worker tasks. This can be maintained by the fees paid by parents ((without any further increase) on the proviso that fees are spent to run the offices and not fund public building projects.

6 parent facilitators hold information sessions in parenting skills, post adoption issues, and providing advice on navigating through paperwork and other requirements for the process. Providing links to the adoption community and developing cultural activities for families with children adopted from over seas in conjunction with existing parent support groups.