

## WAITING CHILD PROGRAM

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**„ALL CHILDREN ARE  
SPECIAL BUT SOME OF  
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## Unique characteristics of the Waiting Child Program

- The best interest of the child
- Altruistic families are adopting
- Additional screening of the families
- Previous review of the adoptive family by the Intercountry Adoption Council

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## Who are the children?

- For the children for whom there aren't waiting adoptive parents, including severe medical diagnosis or developmental problems, the Bulgarian accredited adoption agencies search for prepared adoptive families;
- 2 or 3 siblings

*Let's look at some of the pictures of the children for whom we have found families*

**Susanna had diagnosis: Hepatitis B-positive**



Before



After

**Desislava Hope: Cerebral palsy; down spastic paresis; after surgery of anus praeter.**



Before



After

**Elina with diagnosis Congenital anomaly of lower limbs:**



Before



After

**Daniel-Stoyan was born with club feet**

Before



**Daniel-Stoyan after the adoption**

After arriving in his new home, when they first asked Daniel-Stoyan, what he thought about the life in America, he cried "Bravo!".



**Jared with diagnosis: deafness**



Before



After

***Grace-Daniela with diagnosis: severe bronchopulmonary dysplasia , Aplasia renis dextra***



Before



After

***What about the Waiting  
Child Program?***

## Good practices

### DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHILDREN

- Information from birth as measures, hospitalization, medical treatment
- Assessment of development according to age
- Data on growth (head circumference, weight, height)
- Day Mode, food, sleep
- Education
- Ability to communicate:  
With peers, adults, younger children
- Services that the child receives
- Information is updated quarterly

## Best practices

For all the waiting children, under the special measures in the law allow us to obtain the maximum detailed additional information. The permanent placement of children with special needs in family's environment is possible only if we have additional medical information about the children and the degree of their disability. Our awareness, respectively, that of the prospective adoptive parents is crucial for future medical treatment of children and in most cases - for complete cure.

It's given detailed family's history about the child as:

- medical
- home and circumstances
- level of education
- job
- use of prohibited substances

## Additional requirements in the selection process

- The best interest of the child
  - Access to everything that the child needs when is placed into the adoptive family
- Parent's experience  
Medical experience  
Family's size  
Birth order
- SWOT analysis of the family
  - Comparison of these strengths to the needs of the child
  - Approved Home Study
  - After provisional approval of the Intercountry Adoption Council of Bulgaria the family can complete their dossier

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