

Special Needs Checklist

Gender: Female Male No Preference

Desired age of child: _____ to _____

Thank you for considering a child from the special needs/waiting child program. Feel free to include any additional comments.

Yes No Maybe

FACIAL

- Cleft lip and palate (unilateral/bilateral)
- Facial malformation (Hemifacial microsomia)
- Hemangioma on face

HEART

- Congenital heart disease - minor
- Congenital heart disease - major

BLOOD

- Hepatitis B
- Congenital Syphilis
- Thalassemia

SKELETAL

- Arthrogryposis/Joint disorders
- Club foot/feet
- Missing/malformed fingers/toes
- Missing/malformed hands/arms
- Missing/malformed feet/legs
- Orthopedic issues
- Scoliosis
- Short stature (dwarfism)
- Spina bifida (meningocele/myelomeningocele)

VISION/HEARING

- Deformed or missing ears
- Hearing loss (partial/moderate)
- Hearing loss (significant/deaf)
- Eye - nystagmus/strabismus/ptosis
- Eye - cataracts/glaucoma
- Vision loss (in one eye, partial/moderate)
- Vision loss (significant/blind)

Yes No Maybe

SKIN

- Albinism
- Disfiguring Birth Marks
- Vitiligo

DEVELOPMENTAL

- Poor nourishment
- Cerebral palsy
- Possible Autism
- Speech delays
- Severe Learning Disability
- Mild Learning Disability
- Down Syndrome
- Hydrocephalus
- Mental development delay
- Physical development delay

GENITAL

- Undescended testicles
- Ambiguous/abnormal genitalia

DIGESTIVE

- Anal atresia (imperforate anus)
- Kidney conditions
- Gastrointestinal problems
- Esophageal/Stomach condition

OTHER

- Paralysis (one limb/multiple)
- Uses wheelchair
- Epilepsy/Seizure disorder
- Healthy older child (over 10 yrs)

Checklist completed by: _____ **Date:** _____

By completing and submitting the special needs form to CAWLI, you are also agreeing to do the following:
(please initial each item)

____ Learn more about the conditions that are checked to better understand each one;

____ If your home study does not already approve you for a special needs child, discuss the potential of adopting a child with special needs with your social worker completing your home study & confirm their willingness to approve you for a child with special needs;

____ Keep your social worker and the CAWLI office updated with any changes to this list.

____ Identify and speak with parents of children with special needs to fully understand some or all the issues of parenting a child with special needs;

____ Attempt to speak with a medical doctor about the medical condition(s) that are checked in order to better understand the medical condition(s) and long term prognosis;

____ Keep a current I-800A USCIS approval (do not let it expire) Once a child is matched for you, the process will move quickly, and if your I-800A is expired it can delay the process