



ADOPTIVE PARENT EDUCATION Per Hague Convention Requirements

96.48 (a)-(b)

Agape Adoption's training requirements for all prospective adoptive parents include the following:

1. **10 hours** of adoptive parent education compliant with the **Hague Convention Training Requirements**
2. 2 hours of China specific courses, compliant with **China Requirements**
3. 4 hours of **Child/ Family Specific Coursework** specific to your family circumstances and child approval parameters
4. **Required Reading-** *The Connected Child* book by Dr. Karyn Purvis et al. and *general child and adolescent development information*, see link to article below from the CDC.

See below for specific instructions on each of these requirements. If families are working with another agency as their Primary Provider (child placing agency) or home study agency, there may be additional education training requirements. Prospective adoptive parents are required to take Agape's training hours unless their home study or Primary Provider agency requires additional training. Please contact us if you have any questions about your training requirements.

Agape Adoptions has an education partnership with *Creating A Family*, an online adoption resource center, which will enable all Agape families (program families and home study only families) to complete their Hague training requirements, China requirements, and additional coursework requirements. The fee is \$60 per family. All Agape families will then have access to ongoing, unlimited adoption education courses through *Creating A Family* during your wait and after bringing home your child at no additional cost to you.

In order to access the education courses at *Creating A Family*, simply go to Agape Adoptions Learning Agency Webpage: [Bit.ly/AgapeLearning](https://bit.ly/AgapeLearning) and use the Coupon Code: `agp2019` (*there is no additional fee when using this code*)

All courses offered through *Creating a Family* are presented in audio form only and can be downloaded for listening at your convenience.

Hague Convention Training Requirements:

All prospective adoptive parents must complete at least 10 hours of adoption education covering the following topics per 22 CFR Part 96.48 (b):

1. The inter-country adoption process, the general characteristics and needs of children awaiting adoption, and the in country conditions that affect children in the Convention country from which the prospective adoptive parent(s) plan to adopt;
2. The effects on children of malnutrition, relevant environmental toxins, maternal substance abuse, and of any other known genetic, health, emotional, and developmental risk factors associated with children from the expected country of origin;
3. Information about the impact on a child of leaving familiar ties and surroundings, as appropriate to the expected age of the child;
4. Data on institutionalized children and the impact of institutionalization on children, including the effect on children of the length of time spent in an institution and of the type of care provided in the expected country of origin;
5. Information on attachment disorders and other emotional problems that institutionalized or traumatized children and children with a history of multiple caregivers may experience, before and after their adoption;
6. Information on the laws and adoption processes of the expected country of origin, including foreseeable delays and impediments to finalization of an adoption;
7. Information on the long-term implications for a family that has become multicultural through inter-country adoption; and
8. An explanation of any reporting requirements associated with Convention adoptions, including any post-placement or post-adoption reports required by the expected country of origin

The ***Creating A Family Hague Package*** covers all of the topics listed above and meets the Hague requirements.

International adoptive families who prefer a different format may opt to use a different educational partner to complete the minimum of 10 hours of adoption education and can use one of the following on line options to meet the adoption training requirements:

Adoption Learning Partners-www.adoptionlearningpartners.org

Heart of the Matter- www.heartofthematterededucation.com

National Council for Adoption-hagueadoption.org

All prospective parents must complete the minimum of 10 hours of Hague required training and provide a certificate of completion to Agape Adoptions. If you are a married couple, both parents must complete the training and both names must be on a certificate of completion, either together on the same certificate or separate certificates.

China Requirements:

Families adopting from China are required to take two (2) additional hours of training to meet the requirements of the adoption authority in China (CCCWA). *Creating a Family* has a “China Package” that includes the Hague topics as well as two additional hours to meet the China education requirements. This can be accessed at their website and taken at no additional cost to Agape families with the code listed above. The other adoption training platforms listed above also have China training packages and coursework if preferred.

Child/ Family Specific Coursework:

All prospective adoptive parents are required to complete four (4) additional courses through our education partnership with *Creating A Family* which are specific to their child and family circumstances. Families may choose from the 12 courses listed on the Agape Creating A family page, see link above, under the heading Child Specific Courses. Families are required to complete courses that apply to their request and recommendation parameters: ie. families who have children already in the home are required take the course *Preparing Children for the Adoption of a Sibling*; families requesting to be approved for and out of order placement are required to take the course *Disrupting Birth Order*; families requesting approval of a child between the ages of 5 and 10 are required to take the course *Adopting Older Kids: Things to Consider*; families requesting approval to adopt a child age 11 or above are required to take the course *Adopting a Teen or Tween: Things to Consider*.

***Please Note-** Adoption education hours completed within the last 3 years can be used for the current home study or home study update. If adoption education hours were completed more than 3 years prior to the completion of this current HS, families will be required to complete an additional 5 hours of relevant training by taking any courses of their choosing from *Creating A Family* or through another provider.

Required Reading: *The Connected Child*, by Dr. Karyn Purvis, et al

Agape Adoptions requires all adoptive and hosting families to read *The Connected Child* (ISBN 0071475001) by Dr. Karyn Purvis et al. Please order and read this book as soon as possible. Families must complete The Connected Child Training Affirmation form that is also included in the Welcome Packet and talk with their social worker about what they learned in their reading.

General Child and Adolescent Development Information:

All families are required to review information related to normal child developmental milestones by visiting and reading the following website regarding general developmental information:

[CDC- Child Development Information](#).

Domestic Adoption in Washington, Oregon, and Alaska:

All prospective adoptive parents adopting domestically in the States of Washington, Oregon, or Alaska, must also complete at least 10 hours of adoption education. The *Creating a Family* Domestic Adoption package meets Hague and these states' requirements. If you would like to use another provider please contact us so we may determine if the training meets applicable requirements. The additional 4 hours of training through *Creating A Family* (described above) and the reading of *The Connected Child* must also be completed.

Hosting:

All prospective families who are planning to participate in a hosting program must complete *Creating a Family's* Hosting Families package. If you would like to use another provider please contact us so we may determine if the training meets our requirements.

Educational Resources for Spanish speaking families:

TBRI Informational Video in Spanish:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wJdsoxD7hDY&feature=youtu.be&list=PL9WCXSvAXd6M9mHsdzO6rO2m9YgfHy0Pp>

Chapter 4 of Connected Child: to help understand the behaviors attached to trauma

<http://child.tcu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Spanish-Chapter-4.pdf>

Books available to order online in Spanish:

- The Connected Child
 - <https://www.amazon.com/NI%C3%91O-ADOPTADO-COMO-INTEGRAR-FAMILIA/dp/8497990919>
- Whole Brain Child
 - https://www.amazon.com/El-cerebro-nino-audiolibro/dp/B07FCXPDNN/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&gclid=Cj0KCQiAvbiBBhD-ARIsAGM48bwy9hTuDIqayr5h_h6WQOpMIxw71oxZXD6ZAipyKQ_obzLbs8hc h6IaAv5BEALw_wcB&hvadid=254497847038&hvdev=c&hvlocphy=9059816&hvnetw=g&hvqmt=e&hvrnd=6491816018368266833&hvtargid=kwd-442894925641&hydadcr=22565_10355050&keywords=whole+brain+child+spanish&qid=1613681247&sr=8-1&tag=googhydr-20