

**If a child you loved
needed your help,
wouldn't you want
to know?**

**What if you were
separated from
that child by an
international
border?**



Millions of U.S. kids have family living abroad for work, military duty, retirement, or because they are foreign nationals.

ISS-USA can help you find, engage, and assess these individuals as part of the permanency planning process.

Get started by visiting
www.iss-usa.org
or calling 443.451.1200.



The mission of ISS-USA is to mobilize a domestic and international network of legal and social work professionals to efficiently connect vulnerable children, adults and families separated by international borders to the services and support they need.

ISS-USA seeks to achieve its mission by providing knowledge leadership, cutting-edge training and expert technical assistance to government agencies, social welfare organizations and the legal profession, coordinating the provision of social services for Americans abroad and others in distress and by building the domestic and international capacity of social welfare and legal professionals to meet the cross-border needs of children, adults and families.

ISS-USA LIST OF SERVICES

- CRIMINAL BACKGROUND/ CHILD ABUSE REGISTRY CHECK
- CHILD WELFARE CHECK
- DOCUMENT TRACING
- HOME STUDY FOR CUSTODY OR VISITATION
- HOME STUDY FOR POSSIBLE RELATIVE PLACEMENT OR VISITATION
- HOME STUDY FOR ADOPTION BY A RELATIVE OR NON-RELATIVE IN NON-HAGUE COUNTRIES
- MEDIATION
- POST-PLACEMENT FOLLOW-UP
- PROTECTIVE SERVICE ALERT
- RELATIVE TRACING-FAMILY NOTIFICATION
- RELATIVE TRACING BIRTH PARENT(S)
- REFERENCE REPORTS
- SERVICE OF COURT DOCUMENTS: TPR, NOTICE OF A HEARING OR DNA TEST.
- REPATRIATING U.S. CITIZENS FROM ABROAD (INCLUDING UNACCOMPANIED MINORS)
- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
ISS-USA provides technical assistance to national, state and local government agencies, judges, lawyers, social workers, child advocates and individuals on a wide variety of issues related to the care and protection of children involved with the public child welfare system domestically and internationally. If you need technical assistance please contact ISS-USA at question@iss-usa.org or visit our website at www.iss-usa.org.
- TRAININGS
ISS-USA has trained hundreds of social workers, lawyers, guardians ad litem, judges and faculty members from various disciplines on best practices in interjurisdictional family finding and engagement. In addition, ISS-USA offers training for staff of child welfare agencies, ICPC offices, the judiciary and legal professionals, employees of government and private agencies, and community based organizations that work with children. For additional information about on-site or web-based training for your agency please contact Dr. Felicity Sackville Northcott at fnorthcott@iss-usa.org.