Promoting Safe and Ethical Intercountry Adoptions

Objectives

1. The importance of each individual stakeholder in the adoption process to promote successful, safe and ethical adoptions

2. The role the Accrediting Entity plays in promoting safe and ethical intercountry adoptions

3. Ways in which IAAME as an Accrediting Entity seeks to promote the viability of intercountry adoption

IAAME's Mission and Core Values

IAAME's Mission: "To ensure that intercountry adoptions are conducted in a non-exploitive, transparent, and ethical manner, and conform with existing regulations, statutes, and requirements in the best interest of children and families."

IAAME's Core Values: Child safety, Data-driven innovation, and sustainability

Who is IAAME?

An entity designated by Section 202(a) Intercountry Adoption Act (IAA)

Under Memorandum of Agreement with State Department since July of 2017

Accrediting/approving and monitoring compliance of adoption service providers in the US

What does IAAME do?

IAAME's role

IAAME's responsibilities

Scope of IAAME's authority

Collaboration and advocacy

The shifting landscape of intercountry adoption

How can and does IAAME advocate?

With whom does IAAME collaborate or desire to collaborate more?

Feedback loops

Various channels of communication with adoption service providers

Resources and information on IAAME's website or via contact with IAAME

Regularly scheduled meetings with the State Department

Annual review of IAAME's performance by the State Department

Consistency and reliability

Conducting internal training for IAAME staff

Providing training for adoption service providers

Requesting interpretation guidance

Requesting and advocating for FAQs and other guidance to be released by the Department on key topics

Gathering data to provide to the Department, adoption service providers and the general public

Ensuring data collected is accurate and timely

Performing systems changes or enhancements

Questions?

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