

If you are planning to adopt internationally, I recommend starting at the U.S. State department website: <https://travel.state.gov/content/adoptionsabroad/en.html>

They have a lot of useful information on the process as well as links to country specific information and links to reputable agencies.

It is important that you work with a COA Accredited agency. You can find a list of providers here: <http://coanet.org/accreditation/who-is-accredited/who-is-accredited-search/>

If you are adopting domestically, I'd suggest starting at the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys (also known as the AAAA or the Quad-A) webpage: <http://www.adoptionattorneys.org/aaaa/adoptingparents/adopting-parents>

They have a lot of information about the domestic adoption process as well as links to their member attorneys.

If you would like general information about adoption, including the cost, timeline and what countries are currently placing children, visit Adoptive Families magazine's annual "Cost and Timing" survey: <https://www.adoptivefamilies.com/how-to-adopt/adoption-cost-and-timing-2014-2015/>

This is a great place to start when you want to learn how the adoption process works, including how you can get started.