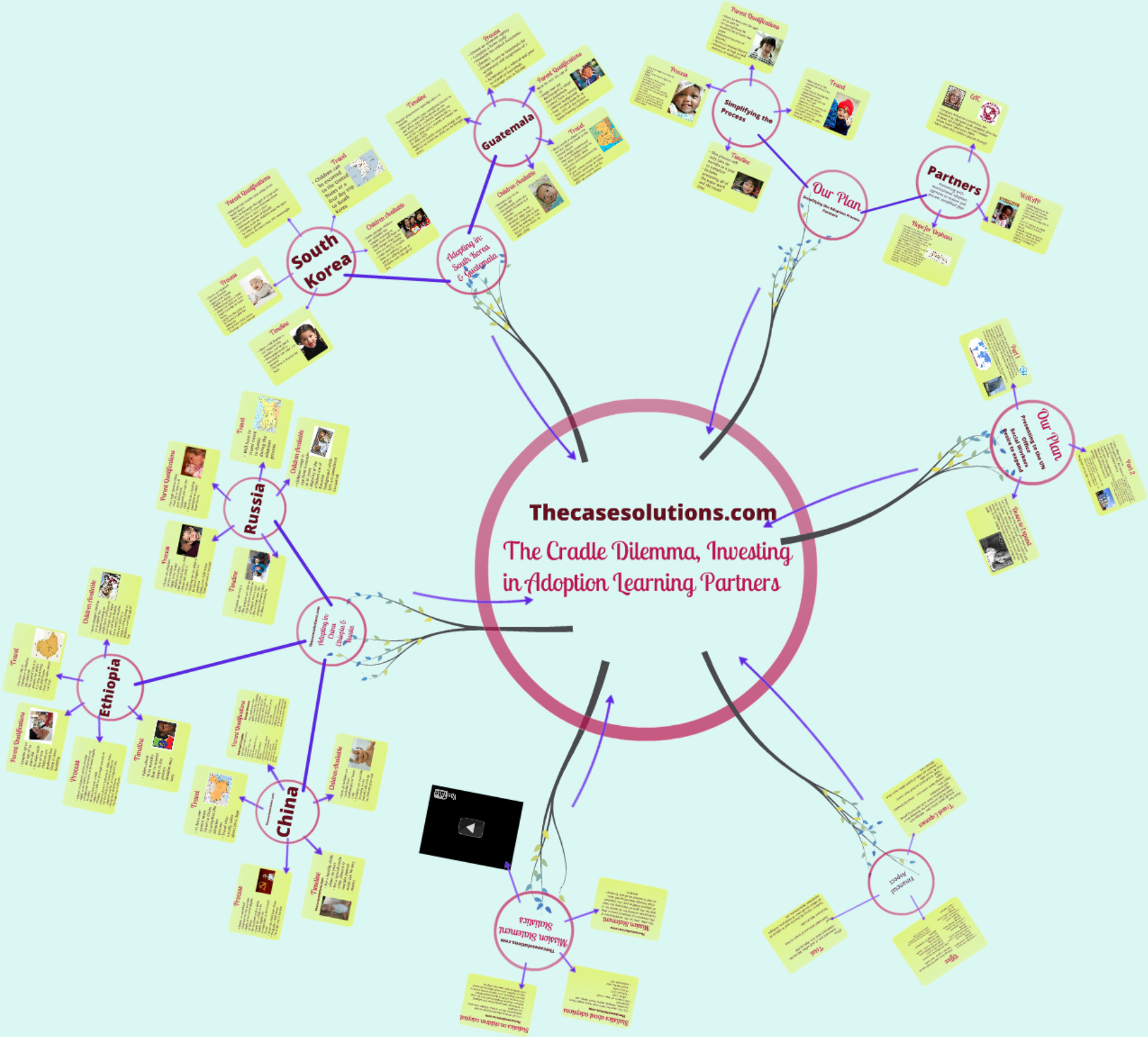


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South Korea

- Process**
 - 1. Find a child in Korea
 - 2. Apply for adoption in Korea
 - 3. Wait for approval from the Korean government
 - 4. Travel to Korea to meet the child
 - 5. Return home with the child
- Parent Qualifications**
 - Must be a U.S. citizen
 - Must be at least 21 years old
 - Must be a resident of the U.S. for at least 1 year
 - Must have a stable income
 - Must have a clean criminal record
- Travel**
 - Children can be born in the United States or in Korea
 - Travel to Korea is required
 - Travel costs are high
- Children Available**
 - Children are available for adoption in Korea
 - Children are often born with special needs

Guatemala

- Process**
 - 1. Find a child in Guatemala
 - 2. Apply for adoption in Guatemala
 - 3. Wait for approval from the Guatemalan government
 - 4. Travel to Guatemala to meet the child
 - 5. Return home with the child
- Parent Qualifications**
 - Must be a U.S. citizen
 - Must be at least 21 years old
 - Must be a resident of the U.S. for at least 1 year
 - Must have a stable income
 - Must have a clean criminal record
- Travel**
 - Children can be born in the United States or in Guatemala
 - Travel to Guatemala is required
 - Travel costs are high
- Children Available**
 - Children are available for adoption in Guatemala
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Adopting in South Korea & Guatemala

Our Plan

- Simplifying the Process**
 - 1. Find a child in Korea or Guatemala
 - 2. Apply for adoption in Korea or Guatemala
 - 3. Wait for approval from the Korean or Guatemalan government
 - 4. Travel to Korea or Guatemala to meet the child
 - 5. Return home with the child
- Partners**
 - 1. Find a partner in Korea or Guatemala
 - 2. Apply for adoption in Korea or Guatemala
 - 3. Wait for approval from the Korean or Guatemalan government
 - 4. Travel to Korea or Guatemala to meet the child
 - 5. Return home with the child
- What is a program?**
 - 1. Find a child in Korea or Guatemala
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Russia

- Process**
 - 1. Find a child in Russia
 - 2. Apply for adoption in Russia
 - 3. Wait for approval from the Russian government
 - 4. Travel to Russia to meet the child
 - 5. Return home with the child
- Parent Qualifications**
 - Must be a U.S. citizen
 - Must be at least 21 years old
 - Must be a resident of the U.S. for at least 1 year
 - Must have a stable income
 - Must have a clean criminal record
- Travel**
 - Children can be born in the United States or in Russia
 - Travel to Russia is required
 - Travel costs are high
- Children Available**
 - Children are available for adoption in Russia
 - Children are often born with special needs

Ethiopia

- Process**
 - 1. Find a child in Ethiopia
 - 2. Apply for adoption in Ethiopia
 - 3. Wait for approval from the Ethiopian government
 - 4. Travel to Ethiopia to meet the child
 - 5. Return home with the child
- Parent Qualifications**
 - Must be a U.S. citizen
 - Must be at least 21 years old
 - Must be a resident of the U.S. for at least 1 year
 - Must have a stable income
 - Must have a clean criminal record
- Travel**
 - Children can be born in the United States or in Ethiopia
 - Travel to Ethiopia is required
 - Travel costs are high
- Children Available**
 - Children are available for adoption in Ethiopia
 - Children are often born with special needs

China

- Process**
 - 1. Find a child in China
 - 2. Apply for adoption in China
 - 3. Wait for approval from the Chinese government
 - 4. Travel to China to meet the child
 - 5. Return home with the child
- Parent Qualifications**
 - Must be a U.S. citizen
 - Must be at least 21 years old
 - Must be a resident of the U.S. for at least 1 year
 - Must have a stable income
 - Must have a clean criminal record
- Travel**
 - Children can be born in the United States or in China
 - Travel to China is required
 - Travel costs are high
- Children Available**
 - Children are available for adoption in China
 - Children are often born with special needs

Missouri Statutes

- Statutes on children adopted**
 - 1. Find a child in Missouri
 - 2. Apply for adoption in Missouri
 - 3. Wait for approval from the Missouri government
 - 4. Travel to Missouri to meet the child
 - 5. Return home with the child
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 - 1. Find a child in Missouri
 - 2. Apply for adoption in Missouri
 - 3. Wait for approval from the Missouri government
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 - 5. Return home with the child

Financial Aspects

- Travel Expenses**
 - 1. Find a child in Missouri
 - 2. Apply for adoption in Missouri
 - 3. Wait for approval from the Missouri government
 - 4. Travel to Missouri to meet the child
 - 5. Return home with the child
- Travel**
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Mission Statement Statistics

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Mission Statement

This plan aims for the simplification of the international adoption process that could prove uniform for all countries. It also has the goal of improving the lives of adopted children past the adoption stage through counseling and semi-annual to annual check-ups by social workers.



Statistics about adoptions

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- Top five countries the United States adopts from are China, Ethiopia, Russia, South Korea, and Guatemala
- The amount of visas issued:
 - China: 3,001
 - Ethiopia: 2,277
 - Russia: 1,586
 - South Korea: 1,007
 - Guatemala: 756



Statistics on children adopted

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- 7.6% of children adopted attempt suicide compared to the 3% among children who were not adopted
- A 2008 study comparing about 500 adopted and non adopted children found that the odds of having an ADHD or oppositional defiant disorder diagnosis were approximately twice as high in children who were adopted compared with children who were not adopted





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China

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Timeline

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- For a healthy child: about six years
- For a special needs child: about 8-12 months (special needs can be very minor)