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Children and adolescents waiting for a loving, warm and guarantor of rights family, have very different characteristics, and this diversity enriches society by strengthening it and allowing the development of varied values in order to promote tolerance and effective respect for rights, being the State who leads the protection of all those who, due to a situation of vulnerability or stage of development, cannot exercise it themselves. As reported in the course of these workshops, adoption is primarily a protection measure for children and adolescents who have been declared in adoptability, or whose consent for adoption is firm, and it is a State priority to prepare and evaluate the applicants in order to find suitable family environments for them in order to break the circle which led to their admission to ICBF.

Our children and adolescents declared in adoptability, or whose consent for adoption is firm are not necessarily babies nor healthy, some are older than 10 years, others belong to a group of siblings along with whom they wish to grow, and others, for different biological circumstances, common to the entire population, have diagnoses associated with diseases or disability.

Due to this, below, you will be given some feature listings so that you, as part of your assessment process for suitability, know and analyze which of them you might consider and which not. We know that each family or person has different conditions, which will be evaluated by the teams and analyzed by the Adoption Committees, but it is intended to start a process of reflection on the abilities to parent children and adolescents waiting to be adopted.

It is important to note that there are common conditions for all children and adolescents in protection who, due to extreme necessity, have had to be permanently separated from their biological families, to find one in which they can develop comprehensively. And these conditions are Not called special characteristics and needs.


They are not special characteristics: race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, family history without clinical manifestations, belonging to two siblings where the oldest is under 10 years of age, or the general conditions for all adopted children and adolescents (separation from their biological family, difficult stories, lack of information, abandoned etc.).

In the event that you consider not having the conditions or openness for the adoption of children and adolescents with special characteristics and needs, in any case, your process of evaluation continues, and in case you are granted suitability by the Adoptions Committee, you would enter with a preselection aimed at children without special characteristics or needs.

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NOTE 1: For persons, spouses or permanent partners of foreign nationality, their applications only apply to children and adolescents with special characteristics and needs.

NOTE 2: The completion of the following tables does not represent the adoption of a particular child and adolescent or automatic approval by the adoption committee, nor the endorsement by the Sub directorate of Adoptions. The objective is to encourage the evolution of the adoptive project and that the expectation corresponds to the real conditions of children and adolescents in search of a family. Therefore, the content of the tables will be taken into consideration within the evaluation process.

Table I Special characteristics by age

In order to promote the attainment of families, please indicate in the columns whether or not you could consider being an adoptive parent for children, adolescents with these conditions. In case you have the required openness, you can write in the remarks column the restrictions or information that you consider relevant according to the case.

Special Needs and Characteristics by age presented to the Adoption Committees	Could Consider	Couldn't	Remarks
10-year-old boys, girls and adolescents, meaning up to 10 years and 11 months old.			
11-year-old boys, girls and adolescents, meaning up to 11 years and 11 months old.			
12-year-old Adolescent, meaning up to 12 years and 11 months old.			
13-year-old Adolescent, meaning up to 13 years and 11 months old.			
14-year-old Adolescent, meaning up to 14 years and 11 months old.			
15-year-old or older adolescent			

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Table II Special characteristics per group of siblings

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Special Needs and Characteristics per group of siblings presented to the Adoption Committees	Could Consider	Couldn't	Remarks
Group of three siblings where the oldest is 6 years old, meaning up to 6 years and 11 months.			
Group of three siblings where the oldest is 7 years old, meaning up to 7 years and 11 months.			
Group of three siblings where the oldest is 8 years old, meaning up to 8 years and 11 months.			
Group of three siblings where the oldest is 9 years old, meaning up to 9 years and 11 months.			
Group of three siblings where the oldest is 10 years old, meaning up to 10 years and 11 months.			
Group of three siblings where the oldest is over 10 years old			
Group of two siblings where the oldest is 10 years old, meaning up to 10 years and 11 months.			
Group of two siblings where the oldest is 11 years old, meaning up to 11 years and 11 months.			
Group of two siblings where the oldest is 12 years old, meaning up to 12 years and 11 months.			
Group of three siblings where the oldest is over 12 years old			
Group of four or more siblings			

In case you wish to adopt a group of more than 4 siblings, please write down the additional features below:

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Table III Special Characteristics per Health Conditions

In order to promote the attainment of families for this children and adolescents, please indicate in the columns whether or not you could consider being an adoptive parent for children, adolescents with these conditions. In case you have the required openness, you can write in the remarks column the restrictions or information that you consider relevant according to the case.

It is important to clarify that in order to classify the pathologies that you write down as “special needs and characteristics”, are those that denote a definition by the health system as chronic, permanent, serious, and that demand more than specialized attention from the system such as: constant interventions, medications, therapies or additional aids that other children do not usually need or only require from time to time. Banal health conditions are excluded from the classification.

HEALTH CONDITIONS

Special characteristics and needs per health of children and adolescents presented to adoption committees (pathologies)	Could Consider	Couldn't	Remarks Indicate your observations and if you can, the name of the pathology also
Oncology pathologies			
Cardiovascular diseases			
Type II diabetes			
Orphan diseases ¹			
Rare diseases ²			

***You can add lines to the table.**

³NEURODEVELOPMENT DISORDERS.

¹An orphan disease is one that is chronically debilitating, serious, life-threatening and with a prevalence (the measure of all individuals affected by a disease within a particular period of time) of less than 1 per 5,000 people, understand, rare, ultra-orphaned and forgotten diseases. (Law 1392 of 2010/Law 1438 de 2011).


² Rare diseases are life-threatening, or debilitating diseases in the long term, of low prevalence and high level of complexity. Most of them are genetic diseases; others are rare cancers, autoimmune diseases, congenital malformations, or toxic and infectious diseases, among other categories. (Ministry of Health and Social Protection, institutional website www.minsalud.gov.co)

³The above classifications are based on the DSM V Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders DSM-V, revised version, but according to Colombian regulations and the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, the Diagnostic Classification will be made based on the provisions of the International

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Special characteristics and needs per health of children and adolescents presented to adoption committees (pathologies)		Mild	Moderate	Serious	Couldn't	Remarks
Intellectual Disabilities	Intellectual Disability (Intellectual Development Disorder)					
	global development delay					
	Non-specified Intellectual Disability (Intellectual Development Disorder)					

Communication Disorders	Special characteristics and needs per health of children and adolescents presented to adoption committees (pathologies)	Could Consider	Couldn't	Remarks
	Language disorder			
	Phonological Disorder			
	Early childhood fluency disorder (stuttering)			
	Social communication disorder (pragmatic)			
	Non-specified communication disorder			

Motor disorders	Special characteristics and needs per health of children and adolescents presented to adoption committees (pathologies)	Could Consider	Couldn't	Remarks
	Coordination Development Disorder			
	Stereotyped Movement Disorder			
	Tics disorder			
	Social communication disorder (pragmatic)			
	Non-specified communication disorder			


Special characteristics and needs per health of children and adolescents presented to adoption committees (pathologies)	Could Consider	Couldn't	Remarks
Autism Spectrum Disorder			
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder			
Learning Specific Disorder			
Other specified neurodevelopmental disorder			
Other non-specified neurodevelopmental disorder			

Statistical Classification of Diseases and Health Related Problems ICD-10 by WHO (Resolutions 3374 of 2000 and amended by 1531 of 2014) The identification codes used in the DSM V, are found in some with their respective equivalences in ICD-10.

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OTHER MENTAL DISORDERS - OTHER PROBLEMS THAT MAY BE OBJECT OF CLINICAL CARE

Special characteristics and needs per health of children and adolescents presented to adoption committees (pathologies)	Could Consider	Couldn't	Remarks
Spectrum of schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders			
Bipolar disorder and related disorders			
Depressive Disorders			
Anxiety Disorders			
Disorders related to trauma and stress factors			
Eating and food intake disorders			
Excretion Disorders			
Destructive disorders of impulse and behavior control			
Child sexual abuse			
Limit intellectual functioning			

Other pathologies, diseases, syndromes or disorders not related in the tables that we consider (or), we could get to attend:

SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS AND NEEDS PER DISABILITY CONDITION

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Special characteristics and needs per disability of children and adolescents presented to adoption committees (pathologies)	Could Consider	Couldn't	Remarks
Physical Disability (permanently presents functional body deficiencies at the skeletal, neurological, integumentary or acquired muscle level, loss or absence of any of the body parts or disorders of body movement)			
Hearing Disability (permanently presents functional deficiencies related to the perception of sounds, their location, tone, volume or quality. As a result, presents different degrees of difficulty in the production or reception of verbal messages and oral communication)			
Visual impairment (permanently presents deficiencies to perceive light, shape, size, color. Blind people are included)			
Deaf blindness (permanently presents a combination of a visual and a hearing impairment)			
Intellectual Disability (permanently present in mental abilities)			
Psycho-social Disability (permanently presents alterations of perceptions, emotions, feelings, behaviors classified within a diagnostic definition)			

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