

CFAB National Advice and Information Line

Over the last fifty years CFAB has established a unique expertise in intercountry casework services, based on evidence and experience.

Our National Advice and Information Line is a free and confidential telephone helpline for any enquiries that concern children and family welfare matters in two or more countries. The line is open to all statutory and voluntary agencies as well as to private individuals in the UK.



The service is manned by specialist intercountry social workers and is available from:

Monday to Friday, 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm.

Please call us on:

0207 735 8941

or alternatively contact us online 24/7

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'Together we can reunite children and families across borders'

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A Brief Overview of CFAB



What is CFAB?



CFAB is a truly unique charity. It is part of an international network that works to ensure that children and families separated by international borders will enjoy

the same degree of protection and rights as families within the same country.

Migration, war and famine, ethnic persecution, divorce and separation, along with changing work patterns, all take their toll on the family structure. Children can become abandoned or abused, orphaned or separated from parents by international boundaries.

We work to ensure that children are reunited with their family, or when this is not possible or appropriate, to ensure that regular contact is established.

Objectives of CFAB

- ★ To assist those who, as a result of voluntary or forced migration or other social problems of an international character, have to overcome personal or family difficulties
- ★ Inform and influence UK policy and practice in our field of international social work
- ★ Raise awareness about the needs of children and families within an international context
- ★ Develop and maintain a professional network which best serves the needs of our clients

CFAB and the ISS Network

International Social Service (ISS) was founded in 1924 in Switzerland, to address family welfare problems caused by the large migration of people in the aftermath of World War 1.

The UK branch (ISSUK) was founded as a branch in 1955 and has since changed its name in 2010 to Children and Families Across Borders (CFAB).

CFAB is part of a network of organisations that facilitates international co-operation to resolve intercountry social work issues. CFAB has contacts in over 150 countries worldwide.



Staff from these cooperating organisations are familiar with the operation of the laws, regulations and service systems in their country, and have the language skills and understanding to act

within a common methodology throughout the network.

Here in the UK CFAB is staffed by professionally qualified Social Workers with experience and knowledge of the relevant UK and international legislation and conventions.

CFAB areas of work

CFAB's intercountry casework focusses on the care, protection and support of children and families across 2 or more countries. The best interests of the child are paramount to the way CFAB approaches any case involving children.

CFAB is able to provide core services and expertise in the following areas:

- ★ Advice Line
- ★ Child Protection Alerts
- ★ Child Abduction
- ★ Child Trafficking
- ★ Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers
- ★ Children in Care
- ★ Welfare Checks
- ★ Private Fostering
- ★ Police and Social Service Checks



CFAB's special projects

- ★ Libya Family Reunion Project
- ★ Travel Assistance Project

