
COUNSELING & FAMILY SERVICES

Adoption Program Fees

There is a range of programs available to adoptive parents that may enable families at most economic levels to participate in an adoption. Counseling & Family Services is deeply committed to helping children and families come together to provide permanence for children. We understand the great costs of parenting and work to balance that reality with our desire to provide effective and comprehensive counseling and adoption services to all clients.

There are no fees assessed to families when a child is adopted through the foster care system. Counseling & Family Services provides this service and we are happy to discuss your interest in foster parenting. Those considering foster parenting must understand that the goal of foster parenting is to provide care to a child while the problems that brought the child into care initially are resolved. The overriding goal of this program is to return a child home whenever possible. There are times when the court determines that returning home is not in the best interests of the child, and an adoption is identified as the best option for providing permanence for the child. In this case, there are no adoption fees. Please contact the agency at 309 676-2400 if you would like more information on this program.

The other adoption programs include infant, interstate and international adoption. These programs are dependent on client fees and have been set to maintain the support components that enable the agency to maintain the program. These fees and schedules are described here:

Home Study Fee for Infant or International Programs is \$2,500, half paid at the start of the process and half paid upon completion of the home study and issuance of license. No fees are refundable but the second payment is not billed if the home study cannot be completed. Updated home studies are \$2,000 for second or subsequent adoptions. If updates are required for original adoption to maintain compliance, i.e. CIS, agency may assess non-refundable fee of \$250 to be paid when report is complete. Post-placement reports and Reports of Investigation are \$250@ and payable at the time the report is completed. Fee includes all required training.

Interstate Fees are \$2,500. Includes agency review of home study, taking Illinois surrender and guardianship until finalization, Affidavit of Identification, Adoption Registry, ICPC 100A-B, Agency Consent, baby's medical records, facilitate contact between birth and adoptive families. \$2,000 is payable to initiate process and is non-refundable and \$500 is payable at placement, also non-refundable.

Infant Adoption Program Fees are based on a sliding scale ranging from \$7,000 to \$15,000. This fee is payable within 30 days of an adoptive placement and is not refundable. This fee is separate from the home study fee and is assessed to a client when the agency assumes guardianship of a child for adoptive purposes. Families are responsible for court costs and legal fees for finalization of the adoption and may be responsible for birth related medical expenses for mother and child. Every effort is made to secure medical coverage through insurance, or local, state or federal coverage.

Counseling & Agency Support Services Fees for Birthparent Counseling, \$85/hr. This is assessed to prospective adoptive parents who have agreed to pay for these services to a biological parent. These non-refundable fees are payable even if there is no placement.

Administrative Adoption Program Fee \$500. Assessed when CFS is asked to manage accounts for birthparent expenses when agency is not taking a guardianship role. Program may be used when agency is asked to locate and /or facilitate placement with an agency or entity other than Counseling & Family Services.

Search Program

Non-Identifying Social and Medical History - \$150.

Search fees for biological parent or adoptee, \$250 for first 4 hours of service, \$85/hour for subsequent casework time.

The agency retains discretion of reduction in fees for special circumstances.