

**ALL AGE ADOPTIONS PLUS  
FEE SCHEDULE AND AGREEMENT  
2007**

All Age Adoptions Plus is a non-profit agency that believes every child deserves a home. We are dedicated to finding the right home for each child. We are also dedicated to helping people who want to be parents, realize their dream through adoption. It is our intent to make adoption as affordable as possible so that adoption is available to a wide range of families. We work at keeping our expenses and cost low and our quality of service high.

We choose to provide individual care and attention, and therefore not every situation or expense can be predicted or outlined here. The following fee schedule and agreement covers many of the services that we provide on a regular basis. We will be happy to discuss your individual situation. We would be happy to meet with you in person or by phone to discuss any of the adoption process and fees, at no charge to you.

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**Parent's statement of understanding and agreement:**

I understand that fees are for a small portion of the cost of agency operation, fees for services and direct expenses.

I understand that all fees are for services rendered and/or costs incurred and cannot be reimbursed once the service is rendered or the cost is incurred.

I understand that it is illegal for anyone to pay or promise something for placing a child for adoption in this country and every other country.

I understand that for a direct agency placement our exact fees will be stated in our contract and may reflect a change and/or more detail.

I have had an opportunity to discuss and ask for clarification of the fees and schedule with an Adoptions Plus Staff.

I agree to pay fees on schedule.

I understand that although Adoptions Plus will make every effort to notify us, all fees are subject to change without prior notice. A new fee agreement may need to be signed as part of the annual update of paperwork.

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## HOMESTUDY

\_\_\_\_\_ **APPLICATION** for homestudy and all programs - \$350 (non-refundable) is paid with your application. It includes an initial meeting one group parent training session, the processing of your application and assistance in homestudy paperwork.

\_\_\_\_\_ **HOMESTUDY** \$1250 (non-refundable) is paid when all of your homestudy paperwork is submitted. It includes all of your interviews, your home visit, one group parent training session, and your final report. The report will meet New Mexico Regulations, Immigration Requirements (USCIS), International requirement (Hague) and Interstate requirements (ICPC). It may also include some coordination with another placing agency and / or USCIS.

\_\_\_\_\_ **HOMESTUDY TRANSFER** \$400 applies if another agency completed your homestudy and you are sending it to Adoptions Plus to use for the placement of a child with our agency.

\_\_\_\_\_ **INTERNATIONAL & ICPC ADMINISTRATIVE FEE** - \$400 is dues when you study is complete and includes dossier support for an international adoption and administrative cost for generating additional required paperwork necessary for the Hauge Treaty, many countries, other agencies and the interstate compact. **If you are adopting from a country or state that at the time of your study requires very little extra paperwork, we may reduce this fee. Please inquire about the agency, country or interstate situation.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **HOMESTUDY UPDATES and ADDENDUMS** – The fee for an update is determined by the reason for the update and the changes that have occurred since your last study and. It is paid when the updated paperwork is submitted and is non-refundable. Some common situations are listed below.

- \$550 for USCIS, other placing agency or an independent placement. This fee applies if we did your homestudy and your USCIS 171 H approval expires, or your placing agency is requiring an update for a study more than one year old, and you have no or few changes in your situation. It includes a homevisit, the report, one training class, administrative costs, and coordinating with USCIS, your agency and / or your attorney.
- \$400 to update an Adoptions Plus homestudy, if we have not placed with you within one year and there has been no or few changes in your situation. It includes a homevisit, one training class, the updated report and administrative costs of the update.
- \$1000 to update an Adoptions Plus homestudy if you have had an adoption since its completion. It includes the \$350 application fee, all interviews, a homevisit, one training class, the updated report and administrative costs of the update.
- Updates or addendum for minor changes in your study that do not require a home visit are charged by the hour.
- If your study was completed by another agency and you have used it for a previous adoption, or it is more than a year old you may need a new study and be charged for an application fee and a homestudy fee.
- To e-mail, regular mail or fax your study more than one other agency without additional coordination, there is a \$35 charge.

\_\_\_\_\_ **TRAVEL** \$.44 per mile (or current IRS guidelines) and \$25 per hour for worker's travel time. We have social workers in many parts of the state. Mileage and time will be calculated from Albuquerque or from the assigned social workers area by Map Quest or Rand McNally.

## POST-PLACEMENT SERVICES

Post-placement is required for many different types of adoptive placement. If you have adopted in the United States post-placement is required to finalize your adoption. Most international adoptions require it, even if you finalize the adoption in the other country. In addition to meeting agency, state and international requirements, post-placement services include support and referral services for your child and family. The following is a list of common post-placement services that are needed.

\_\_\_\_\_ **ADOPTION PLUS AGENCY PLACEMENT** If Adoptions Plus places the child with you as an agency placement, and you live in New Mexico, **post placement visits and reports are included** in your Domestic Adoption Placement Fee. If Adoption Plus places the child with you as an agency placement, and you live out-of state, you will need to make arrangements with your in state homestudy agency for your visits and reports to our agency.

\_\_\_\_\_ **ADOPTIVE PLACEMENTS FINALIZING IN NEW MEXICO** - \$900 is due at the first visit or \$300 is due at each visit. – This fee applies if you are finalizing in New Mexico and your placement was made an entity other than our agency. It includes up to three visits and three reports; your Final court Report; and coordination with your attorney or placing agency. Arrangement can be made if you need more or less than three visits.

### \_\_\_\_\_ **POSTPLACEMENT VISITS AND REPORTS**

\$300 for one visit and one report when paid per visit.

\$550 for two visit and two reports when paid at first visit.

Fees include coordination with placing agency, country or ICPC.

\_\_\_\_\_ **TRAVEL** \$.44 per mile (or current IRS guidelines) and \$20 per hour for worker's travel time. We have social workers in many parts of the state. Mileage will be calculated from Albuquerque or from the assigned social workers area by Map Quest or Rand McNally.

## MISCELLANEOUS ADOPTION SERVICES

\_\_\_\_\_ **BIRTHPARENT RELINQUISHMENT COUNSELING, ADOPTEE AND STEP PARENT COUNSELING** \$300 is paid at the first counseling session. It can include up to two counseling sessions and the counseling narrative required for court. Additional counseling is recommended and available at \$100 per hour. A discount may be made if there are two or more family members seen at the same time for the same adoption. Unlimited pre and post-adoptive counseling including the counseling narrative is available for \$2500. Relinquishment counseling that needs to be done immediately may be charged up to \$100 extra.

\_\_\_\_\_ **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES** \$85 per hour is charged for worker's time and administrative services, other than what is outlined above.

\_\_\_\_\_ **FOSTER CARE** \$30 per day per child if a placement cannot be made immediately

\_\_\_\_\_ **ADOPTIVE PARENT EDUCATION** - Classes that are not included in your application and homestudy are usually between \$5 and \$30 per person. Parent training is recommended and with most placements it is required.

## **DOMESTIC PROGRAM**

\_\_\_\_\_ **APPLICATION** \$350 is paid with application. It is non-refundable. It includes an initial meeting, one group training session, the processing of your application and assistance in homestudy paperwork.

\_\_\_\_\_ **HOMESTUDY** \$1250 is paid when your homestudy paperwork is submitted and prior to your interviews and home visit. It is non-refundable.

\_\_\_\_\_ **HOMESTUDY TRANSFER** - \$400 applies if another agency completed your homestudy and you are sending it to Adoptions Plus to use for the placement of a child with our agency.

\_\_\_\_\_ **DOMESTIC PROGRAM FEE** - \$12,000 for a domestic agency adoptive placement. It is due in three parts.

\*A \$300 tax-deductible donation to the Child and Birthparent Fund is due after the acceptance of your homestudy and the submission of the Domestic Program contract. This minimally covers expenses related to counseling and working with birth families that may or may not choose adoption. This donation is non-refundable.

\*\$3000 is due when you are matched with a birthmother and agree to the placement. This minimally covers some of the expenses occurred prior to placement. If the placement does not happen, a refund of any portion of the fee that has not been used can be made, or applied to the next placement.

\*\$8700 is due when Adoptions Plus places the child with you. This fee may include as needed: birth family outreach, unlimited pre and post adoptive counseling for the birthparents, reasonable pregnancy expenses and personal assistance during labor, some maternity care and delivery expenses, hospital plan and coordination, most birth family legal fees, preparation of paperwork, adoption plans and preparation, birthfather searches, matching and liaison, post-placement services, filing and mailing necessary paperwork and finalization reports.

### **This fee does not include:**

- Application
- Homestudy fee and related costs
- Homestudy transfer fee
- Medical and maternity expenses
- Birth family legal fees over \$600
- Birth family living expenses
- Travel outside Albuquerque or assigned social workers area
- Out of state postplacement supervision and reports
- Adoptive parent attorney fees and court fees
- Financial responsibility for the child at the time of placement

A detailed and separate contract will be signed if you choose this program

## OTHER DOMESTIC PLACEMENTS

\_\_\_\_\_ **ICPC SENDING AGENCY PLACEMENT** \$5000 fee applies if you are out of state and have been matched by another agency or attorney with a birthmother and child in NM. The fee is due in two parts:

\$2500 after your application is accepted and prior to services beginning.

\$2500 is due at time of placement.

The fee may include as needed: adoption facilitation; up to five birthparent counseling sessions; hospital and adoption plans; birthfather searches; placement of the child; paperwork and coordination for relinquishing of parental rights; ICPC initiation and documentation. If the placement does not happen, a refund of any portion of the fee that has not been used can be made, or applied to the next placement.

**This fee does not include:**

Application or Homestudy

Birth family medical expense, legal fees or living expenses

Travel outside Albuquerque or assigned social workers area

Out of state post-placement supervision

Adoptive parent attorney fees

Financial responsibility for the child at the time of placement

\_\_\_\_\_ **IDENTIFIED ADOPTIONS** \$6000 fee applies if you and the birthparents have identified each other and want to do an agency adoption and everyone is in New Mexico. This fee is due in two parts:

\$3000 after your homestudy is approved and prior to services beginning.

\$3000 is due at time of placement.

The fee may include as needed adoption facilitation; up to five birthparent counseling sessions; hospital and adoption plans; birthfather searches; placement of the child; paperwork and coordination for relinquishing of parental rights; postplacement and final court report. If the placement does not happen, a refund of any portion of the fee that has not been used can be made, or applied to the next placement.

**This fee does not include:**

Application, homestudy or homestudy transfer fee

Birth family medical expense, legal fees; living expenses or maternity expenses

Travel outside Albuquerque or assigned social workers area

Adoptive parent attorney fees

Financial responsibility for the child at the time of placement

## **SPECIAL NEEDS, REPLACEMENT AND SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN PROGRAM**

**If you would like to be considered for this program ONLY and already have a homestudy, we will waive the application and transfer fee and keep you on file. Training or proof of training is required!**

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\_\_\_\_\_ **HOMESTUDY** \$1250 is paid when your homestudy paperwork is submitted and prior to your interviews and home visit. It is non-refundable.

\_\_\_\_\_ **DOMESTIC PROGRAM FEE** - \$6000 for a domestic agency adoptive placement. It is due in two parts.

\$2500 is due when you are matched with a child and agree to the placement. This minimally covers some of the expenses occurred prior to placement. If the placement does not happen, a refund of any portion of the fee that has not been used can be made, or applied to the next placement.

\$3500 is due when Adoptions Plus places the child with you. This fee may include as needed: birth or legal family pre and post adoptive counseling, pre adoptive counseling for the child, most birth family legal fees, preparation of consents and relinquishments, adoption plans and preparation, birth parent searches, matching and liaison, post-placement services, filing and mailing necessary paperwork and finalization reports.

**This fee does not include:**

- Application and Homestudy
- Birth or legal family legal fees over \$600
- Birth family living expenses
- Travel outside Albuquerque or assigned social workers area
- Out of state postplacement supervision and reports
- Adoptive parent attorney fees and court fees
- Financial responsibility for the child at the time of placement

## **CHILDREN IN STATE'S CUSTODY**

\_\_\_\_\_ **APPLICATION** \$350 is paid with application. It is non-refundable. It includes an initial meeting, the processing of your application and assistance in homestudy paperwork.

\_\_\_\_\_ **HOMESTUDY** \$1250 is paid when your homestudy paperwork is submitted and prior to your interviews and home visit. It is non-refundable.

\_\_\_\_\_ **AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE FEE** - \$400 includes and minimally covers outreach and coordination with state agency social workers to facilitate matching and placement, and forwarding your study. It is due at the completion of your study when the study is ready to be sent.

Placement and postplacement fees are usually paid or reimbursed by the state that has custody of the child.