

**ALL AGE ADOPTIONS PLUS
FEE SCHEDULE AND AGREEMENT
2009**

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.

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.

Signature

Date

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HOMESTUDY

___ **APPLICATION** for homestudy and all programs - \$350 (non-refundable) is paid with your application. It includes an initial meeting, the processing of your application and assistance in initial home study paperwork.

___ **DOMESTIC HOMESTUDY** \$1250 (non-refundable) is paid when all of your homestudy paperwork is submitted. It includes all of your interviews, your home visits, and your final report. The report will meet New Mexico Regulations (SAFE) and Interstate requirements (ICPC). It may also include some coordination with another placing agency.

___ **INTERNATIONAL HOMESTUDY** \$1500 (non-refundable) is paid when all of your home study paperwork is submitted. It includes all of your interviews, your home visits, and your final report. It also includes dossier support for an international adoption and administrative cost for the additional international requirements. The report will meet New Mexico Regulations (SAFE), Immigration Requirements (USCIS), International Requirements (HAGUE) and Interstate requirements (ICPC).

___ **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 or if we send the home study out for Interstate Requirements (ICPC).

___ **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.

- \$600 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, administrative costs, and coordinating with USCIS, your agency and / or your attorney.
- \$450 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, the updated report and administrative costs of the update.
- \$1250 to update an Adoptions Plus homestudy if you are reapplying to our agency. It includes the \$350 application fee, all interviews, a home visit, the updated report and administrative costs of the update.
- \$1400 for an update of an Adoptions Plus homestudy that was not in SAFE or HAGUE format. It includes the \$350 application fee, all interviews, a home visit, 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. The hourly fee is \$85.00 per 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 and/or you need a new stand alone home study and you will be charged for an application fee and a homestudy fee.
- To e-mail, regular mail or fax your study to more than one other agency without additional coordination, you will be charged by the time it takes at our hourly rate of \$85.00 per hour.

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.

_____ **POSTPLACEMENT VISIT AND REPORT**

\$300 post placement fee for one home visit and one report, this is paid at time of visit. Fee includes coordination with placing agency, country and/or ICPC.

GENERAL 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 \$85 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.

_____ **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 \$15 per person. Parent training is recommended and with most placements it is required. Online web training is also available through our website.

_____ **TRAVEL** \$.50 per mile (or current IRS guidelines) and \$25 per hour for worker's travel time. Mileage and time will be calculated from Albuquerque or from the assigned social workers (which ever is closest) area by Map Quest or Rand McNally. This only is applicable when the family lives outside of the Albuquerque city limits. We do have social workers contracted around the state to help keep costs at a minimum.

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** - \$14,000 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.

*\$4000 is due when you are matched with a birthmother and agree to the placement. This minimally covers services to birth mothers. 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.

*\$9700 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** \$7000 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 in due in two parts:

\$3500 after your application is accepted and prior to services beginning.

\$3500 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** \$7000 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:

\$3500 after your homestudy is approve and prior to services beginning.

\$3500 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** - \$7000 for a domestic agency adoptive placement. It is due in two parts.

\$3000 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.

\$4000 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 post placement fees are usually paid or reimbursed by the state that has custody of the child.