

Joyful World Ministries, Inc.
All Age Adoptions Plus
Fee Schedule and Agreement
2015 - 2016

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 and 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 meet with you in person or by phone, to discuss your individual situation, the adoption process and our 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 All Age Adoptions Plus Staff.

I understand that although All Age 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.

I agree to pay fees on schedule.

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

PREPLACEMENT HOMESTUDY

_____ **APPLICATION** - \$400 paid when you submit your application. (non-refundable)

_____ **PREPLACEMENT HOMESTUDY** - paid when homestudy paperwork is submitted and before the first home visit. (non-refundable)

_____ \$1550 for our agency, an identified adoption, or a family domestic adoption

_____ \$1850 for an out-of-state agency

_____ \$2000 for an International Study - Hague or non-Hague country

_____ **HOMESTUDY TRANSFER** - \$525 if another agency or social worker completed your homestudy and is less than a year old – paid with the submission of the homestudy.

_____ **EXPEDITED HOMESTUDY** - \$300 is in addition to the homestudy fee when you need a homestudy completed in less than 60 days from the time your paperwork and homestudy fee is submitted. The average time to complete a homestudy once your paperwork is submitted is 90 to 120 days. **An expedited study will need prior approval and is not always recommended.**

_____ **HOMESTUDY UPDATES, ADDENDUMS** - The fee is determined by the reason for the update. It is paid when the updated paperwork is submitted and is non-refundable. Some situations are listed below.

- \$550 - domestic agency update to stay current
- \$850 - USCIS, another placing agency, or out-of-state agency update - to stay current.
- \$1550 – to update a homestudy that our agency completed and is not current or you used it for a previous adoption. (\$400 when you apply, \$1150 due prior to the first interview).
- \$100 per hour for changes in your homestudy that do not require a home visit.
- \$350 for an update or addendum to a homestudy that is current but requires a home visit.
- If your home 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 homestudy you may be charged for an application fee and a homestudy fee as stated above.

POST-PLACEMENT POST-ADOPTION SERVICES

In the United States post-placement is required to finalize your adoption. Most international adoptions require post-adoption reports, even if you finalize the adoption in their country. In addition to legal requirements; post-placement services include support and referral services for your child and family.

_____ **POST-PLACEMENT, POST-ADOPTION VISIT AND REPORT** - \$300 per one home visit and one report, paid at time of visit. Fee includes coordination with placing agency, country and/or ICPC.

_____ **ADOPTIONS PLUS AGENCY PLACEMENT** – Post placement is included in your Domestic Adoption Placement Fee if you live in New Mexico. Travel outside of the agency or counselor’s area is additional. Out-of-state postplacement will be completed with your homestudy agency and paid to them.

GENERAL ADOPTION SERVICES

_____ **ADOPTEE COUNSELING** for adoption finalization - \$300 is paid at the first counseling session and may include up to two sessions and the court report.

_____ **STEPARENT OR CUSTODIAL ADOPTION COUNSELING** - \$300 is paid at the first counseling session and may include up to two sessions and the court report. A discount may be made if two or more family members are seen at the same time for the same adoption.

_____ **BIRTHPARENT RELINQUISHMENT COUNSELING** - \$300 is paid at the first counseling session and may include up to two sessions and the court report. Additional counseling is highly recommended and available at \$100 per hour. Unlimited pre and post-adoptive counseling including the counseling narrative is available for \$2500. Relinquishment counseling that needs to be done in less than 48 hours may be charged up to \$100 extra.

_____ **GENERAL COUNSELING AND COACHING** - \$100 per hour, paid at the session.

_____ **ADOPTIVE PARENT EDUCATION** fees for classes may vary depending on the class. A three hour evening class is usually \$20-\$30 per person. Parent training is recommended and often required. Online web training is also available through our website.

_____ **TRAVEL** \$0.575 per mile (or current IRS guidelines) and \$25 per hour for worker's travel time. Fees are calculated from our office or the social worker's area (whichever is closest) by Map Quest. If an overnight is scheduled there is an additional \$90 lodging fee.

_____ **ICPC COORDINATION AND RECEIVING FEE** - \$550 this fee applies if you are matched by another agency or attorney with a child outside of New Mexico and will be returning to New Mexico with the child. The fee may include as needed coordination with agencies, ICPC offices, attorneys; and administrative costs.

_____ **PRIMARY PROVIDER FOR AN INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION** - \$800 - \$5000
A detailed and separate contract will be signed if this agency is the primary provider.

_____ **BANK CHARGES** Donations sent through All Age Adoptions Plus and not used for adoptions fees are charged at 3%. PayPal or credit card charges for fees are charged at 3%

DOMESTIC PROGRAM

_____ **APPLICATION** - \$400 is paid with application.

_____ **HOMESTUDY** - \$1550 is paid when your homestudy paperwork is submitted and prior to your interviews and home visit. It is non-refundable.

_____ **HOMESTUDY TRANSFER** - \$525 applies if another agency completed your homestudy and you are sending it to All Age Adoptions Plus to use for the placement of a child with our agency.

_____ **DOMESTIC PROGRAM FEE** - \$18500 for a domestic agency adoptive placement
It is due in three installments

*A \$1000 tax-deductible donation to the Child and Birthparent Fund is due after the approval of your homestudy and the submission of the Domestic Program contract. This minimally covers expenses related to outreach, counseling and working with birth families that may or may not choose adoption. This donation is non-refundable.

*\$6500 is due when you are matched with an expectant mother or child and agree to the placement. This minimally covers services to expectant/birth mothers and necessary living expenses. 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.

*\$11000 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 expectant/birthparents, personal assistance during labor, hospital plan and coordination, most birth family legal fees, preparation of paperwork, adoption plans and preparation, birthfather searches, matching and liaison, post-placement services, communication agreements, filing and mailing necessary paperwork and finalization reports.

The \$18500 fee does not include:

- Application
- Homestudy fee and related costs
- Homestudy transfer fee
- Medical and maternity expenses
- Birth couple relinquishment legal fees over \$1000
- Birthmother legally allowable expenses over \$100 – **Please budget up to an additional \$2500 in possible birthparent expenses.**
- Travel outside Albuquerque or assigned social workers area
- Out-of-state post-placement 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 when you choose this program.

AGENCY PLACEMENT FOR AN IDENTIFIED ADOPTION

An identified adoption is where you and the biological family have identified each other without the help of our agency.

Please be advised that New Mexico is a “no facilitator state” and that only an attorney, child placement agency, investigator or counselor licensed in New Mexico or another state where the adoption service is being facilitated may provide an adoption service for compensation. An example of Adoption Service may include arranging or assisting in the process of connecting or matching parents who may place a child for adoption with prospective adoptive parents; providing counseling, advice or guidance related to a potential adoption; receiving or disbursing funds or anything of value on behalf of a prospective adoptive parent or to a parent who may place or has placed a child for adoption.

_____ **APPLICATION** - \$400 is paid with application.

_____ **HOMESTUDY** - \$1550 is paid when your homestudy paperwork is submitted and prior to your interviews and home visit. It is non-refundable.

_____ **HOMESTUDY TRANSFER** - \$525 applies if another agency completed your homestudy and you are sending it to All Age Adoptions Plus to use for the placement of a child with our agency.

The \$8000 fee applies if you and the birthparents have identified each other our side of the agency and want to or need to do an agency adoption. This fee is due in two installments:

\$4000 after your homestudy is approved and prior to services beginning, and
\$4000 is due at time of placement.

The fee may include as needed adoption coordination; up to five birthparent counseling sessions; hospital and adoption plans; birthfather searches; placement of the child; paperwork and coordination for relinquishing of parental rights; post placement 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 mother miscellaneous expense over \$100
- Birth family legal expenses
- Travel outside Albuquerque or assigned social workers area
- Adoptive parent attorney fees
- Out-of-state post placement services and finalization
- Financial responsibility for the child at the time of placement

REPLACEMENT AND SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN PROGRAM

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

_____ **APPLICATION** - \$400 is paid with application. It is non-refundable.

_____ **HOMESTUDY** - \$1550 is paid when your homestudy paperwork is submitted and prior to your interviews and home visit. It is non-refundable.

_____ **HOMESTUDY TRANSFER** - \$525 applies if another agency completed your homestudy and you are sending it to All Age Adoptions Plus to use for the placement of a child with our agency.

The \$8000 fee applies if you and the birthparents have identified each other our side of the agency and want to or need to do an agency adoption. This fee is due in two installments:

_____ **PROGRAM FEE** - \$10500 for a domestic agency adoptive placement
It is due in two installments.

\$5,500 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.

\$5,000 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 \$1000
- Birth family living expenses
- Travel outside Albuquerque or assigned social workers area
- Out-of-state post-placement supervision and reports
- Adoptive parent attorney fees and court fees
- Financial responsibility for the child at the time of placement