

**ALL AGE ADOPTIONS PLUS
FEE SCHEDULE AND AGREEMENT
2011**

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 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

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 homestudy paperwork.

___ **HOMESTUDY FOR ALL AGE ADOPTIONS PLUS** \$1400 (non-refundable) is paid when all your homestudy paperwork is submitted. It includes interviews, home visits, and the final report. The report will meet New Mexico Regulations and be in the required SAFE format.

___ **INTERNATIONAL AND INTERSTATE HOMESTUDY** \$1650 (non-refundable) is paid when all your homestudy paperwork is submitted. It includes interviews, home visits, and the final report. It may include some dossier support and/or administrative cost for the additional requirements and coordination with your placing agency. The report will meet New Mexico (SAFE), Immigration (USCIS), International (HAGUE) and Interstate requirements (ICPC).

___ **HOMESTUDY TRANSFER / ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION** is charged at an hourly rate of \$90 and may apply if another agency completed your homestudy or if we completed you study for another agency. It may include administrative cost for the additional requirements and coordination with your placing agency and additional documents for ICPC and international homestudies.

___ **EXPIDATED HOMSTUDY** fee of additional \$250 is charged when you need a homestudy completed in less than 60 days. We can guarantee a study to be complete in 120 days. The average timeframe is 60 to 120 days.

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

- \$650 for USCIS, other placing agency or an independent placement. This fee applies if we did your homestudy and your USCIS 171 H approval is about to expire, 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 home visit, the report, administrative costs, and coordinating with USCIS, your agency and/or your attorney.
- \$500 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.
- \$1400 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.

- \$1450 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 fee is \$90 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 homestudy you will be charged for an application fee and a homestudy fee.

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 the court and international requirements; post-placement services include support and referral services for your child and family.

_____ **ADOPTIONS 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 Adoptions 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, POST ADOPTION 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 \$90 per hour. A discount may be made if there is two or more family members are 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 (in less than 48 hours) may be charged up to \$100 extra.

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

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

_____ **TRAVEL** \$0.50 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 the processing of your application and assistance in homestudy paperwork.

_____ **HOMESTUDY** \$1400 is paid when your homestudy paperwork is submitted and prior to your interviews and home visit. It is non-refundable.

_____ **HOMESTUDY TRANSFER** \$450 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** - \$15,000 for a domestic agency adoptive placement. It is due in three installments.

*A \$500 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.

*\$4500 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.

*\$10,000 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** \$7500 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 installments:

\$3500 after your application is accepted and prior to services beginning, and
\$4000 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** \$7500 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 installments:

\$3500 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 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

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 and attorneys and cover administrative cost of our agency as the ICPC receiving agency. This fee is separate from the postplacement fees that are required for your finalization or by the placing agency.

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** \$1400 is paid when your homestudy paperwork is submitted and prior to your interviews and home visit. It is non-refundable.

_____ **DOMESTIC PROGRAM FEE** - \$7500 for a domestic agency adoptive placement. It is due in two installments.

\$3500 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 post-placement 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** \$1400 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.