



Adoption Life Description of Fees

Adoption Life places a high priority on providing quality and thorough adoption services to families. We are sensitive to the many costs associated with the adoption process and endeavor to provide our services at a reasonable rate that enables families who feel strongly about adoption to pursue it. We generally require payment of the fees as set forth below to begin services, and in all cases require full payment due after the completion of services. All payments are non-refundable. Fees are subject to change without notice. If you have questions about our current fee schedule, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Application Fee: Adoption Life requires an application and associated fee before acceptance into any of our adoption programs.	\$500
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Designated Home Study Program	
Home Study Fee: This is the standard fee we charge for home studies to be used by an outside agency for placement services. This includes other domestic agencies as well as independent adoption home studies. This does not include costs associated with criminal background checks and child abuse registry checks or social worker mileage and per diem rates. Full payment is due with contract for services.	\$1000
International Home Study Fee: Adoption Life works in conjunction with internationally licensed and accredited agencies to provide home study services under their licensing when contracted to do so. This fee does not include costs associated with criminal background checks and child abuse registry checks or social worker mileage and per diem rates. Full payment is due with contract for services.	\$2000
Expedited Fee: A typical domestic home study takes approximately 3 months to complete, depending on client participation, background checks, references, and other factors. If your situation does not allow for that time frame and you require a completed home study prior to 3 months from the contract date, an additional fee will apply. Full payment is due with contract for services.	\$300 If Applicable
Home Study Update: This is the standard fee charged for all designated home study updates. Home studies are required to be updated after 12 months. This does not include costs associated with criminal background checks and child abuse registry checks or social worker mileage and per diem rates.	\$400
Pre-Adoption Education: Adoption Life requires families applying for adoption to completed courses through <i>Creating a Family</i> in order to best prepare them for the adoption process. This cost represents the standard set of courses required by Adoption Life. Additional courses may be required if Adoption Life feels there is a need. Full payment is due directly to <i>Creating A Family</i> at the onset of the home study process.	\$200 Paid to Creating a Family
Mileage & Reimbursement: Charged per mile for all professional services on behalf of a client, including home visits. Includes required hotel stays and social worker meals for overnight trips. Rates within federal per diem limits.	Federal per diem rates
Post Placement Deposit: A post placement deposit and contract must be received prior to any documentation being shared with outside agencies, ICPC, or legal representatives on behalf of our clients. Deposit will be credited toward post placement visit costs.	\$500
Post Placement Fee: The State of Wyoming requires monthly in-home supervisory visits and reports during the pre-finalization period. This can sometimes be amended to meet sending state requirements which may be fewer than monthly visits. This fee does not include the social worker's mileage reimbursement. Payment is due at time of each post placement visit.	\$300/per in home visit

Waiting Child Adoption Program	
Home Study Fee: This is the standard fee for home studies to be used by Adoption Life placement services in AL Waiting Child Program. This does not include costs associated with criminal background checks and child abuse registry checks or social worker mileage and per diem rates. Full payment is due with contract for services.	\$1000
Expedited Fee: A typical domestic home study takes approximately 3 months to complete, depending on client participation, background checks, references, and other factors. If your situation does not allow for that time frame and you require a completed home study prior to 3 months from the contract date, an additional fee will apply. Full payment is due with contract for services.	\$300 If Applicable
Out of Agency Review Fee: If a client has a valid and approved home study by a Wyoming licensed agency and wishes to participate in the AL Waiting Child Adoption Program, Adoption Life will assess a review fee in order to determine whether the home study is acceptable or will require an addendum or update prior to beginning services.	\$300 If Applicable
Pre-Adoption Education: Adoption Life requires families applying for Waiting Child adoption to complete training and be licensed as Wyoming Foster Parents. This cost represents the PRIDE training required by the State of Wyoming for foster parent licensing. Additional courses may be required if Adoption Life feels there is a need. Maintenance of Foster Parent Licensing requires annual training. AL will work with families to assist them in fulfilling ongoing training requirements, and additional costs may apply. Full payment is due at onset of home study.	\$500
Waiting Child Program Fee: Adoption Life requires a facilitation fee for waiting child adoption. This fee allows for AL to prepare family marketing materials appropriate to waiting child adoption and for staff to participate in networking and staffing activities to assist in matching. Full payment is due at completion of home study.	\$2000
Mileage & Reimbursement: Charged per mile for all professional services on behalf of a client, including home visits. Includes required hotel stays and social worker meals for overnight trips. Rates within federal per diem limits.	Federal per diem rates
Post Placement Fee: The State of Wyoming and ICPC typically require monthly in-home supervisory visits and reports during the pre-finalization period. In waiting child adoption, these fees are typically paid for by the sending state and negotiation of the contract of these services will take place prior to placement. If a sending state refuses to pay for post placement services, adoptive families will be financially responsible for all post placement services at the above specified rate, including mileage and per diem reimbursement.	\$300/per in home visit Cost typically covered by sending state
Home Study Updates: This is the standard fee charged for all program home study updates. Home studies are required to be updated after 12 months. This does not include costs associated with criminal background checks and child abuse registry checks or social worker mileage and per diem rates. Home studies may be updated up to 5 times, or for up to 6 years from the original completion date before a new home study will be required, provided that significant changes to the family's circumstances have not dramatically changed the content of the original home study. This determination will be made by the agency director. Once a family has completed a waiting child adoption with Adoption Life, a new home study and program fee will be required for future adoptions.	\$400 Federal per diem rates apply

Domestic Infant Adoption Program	
Home Study Fee: This is the standard fee for home studies to be used by Adoption Life placement services in AL Domestic Infant Program. This does not include costs associated with criminal background checks and child abuse registry checks or social worker mileage and per diem rates. Full payment is due with contract for services.	\$1000
Expedited Fee: A typical domestic home study takes approximately 3 months to complete, depending on client participation, background checks, references, and other factors. If your situation does not allow for that time frame and you require a completed home study prior to 3 months from the contract date, an additional fee will apply. Full payment is due with contract for services.	\$300 If Applicable
Out of Agency Review Fee: If a client has a valid and approved home study by a Wyoming licensed agency and wishes to participate in the AL Domestic Infant Program, Adoption Life will assess a review fee in order to determine whether the home study is acceptable or will require an addendum or update prior to beginning services.	\$300 If Applicable
Pre-Adoption Education: Adoption Life requires families applying for adoption to completed courses through <i>Creating a Family</i> in order to best prepare them for the adoption process. This cost represents the standard set of courses required by Adoption Life. Additional courses may be required if Adoption Life feels there is a need. Full payment is due directly to <i>Creating A Family</i> at the onset of the home study process.	\$200
Program Fee 1st Installment: This is the first installment of program fees and is due at the completion of the home study. This fee covers adoptive couple and agency promotion, internet marketing, out-reach to potential birth families, clinics, schools etc. Full payment is required prior to any presentation of families to potential birth parents.	\$10,000
Program Fee 2nd & 3rd Installments: These fees cover Adoption Life costs associated with working with birth mothers and adoptive couples. This includes providing appropriate counseling and support to all parties involved in the process, working with physicians, hospitals, and ICPC entities and legal representatives involved in the process. This fee helps to defray overhead costs associated with maintaining appropriate infrastructure required to maintain a domestic infant program. This fee does not include birth mother expenses, legal fees for finalization, out of state relinquishment costs, and mileage and per diem costs for associated travel required for placement. The 2 nd installment is due at the time of matching with a potential birth parent and 3 rd fee is due prior to the birth of the child.	\$10,000 (2 nd Installment) \$10,000 (3 rd Installment)
Estimated Birth Mother Expenses: This is an estimation of costs only and is variable depending on the situation. Costs may include necessary living expenses, nutritional support, and medical costs. Adoption Life will make every effort to connect potential birth mothers with any applicable sources of support in order to minimize the costs passed along to adoptive families. A breakdown of expected costs will be provided at time of match. Any unused funds will be refunded at 6 weeks post-natal.	\$3000 estimated Variable

Legal Fees: Adoptive families are responsible to obtain competent legal counsel for the purpose of finalization and responsible for all personal attorney costs associated with the finalization process. Adoption Life can support families in the process of selecting an attorney for this purpose.	\$5000 estimated Variable
Mileage & Reimbursement: Charged per mile for all professional services on behalf of a client, including home visits. Includes required hotel stays and social worker meals for overnight trips. Rates within federal per diem limits.	Federal per diem rates
Post Placement Fee: Adoption Life requires a minimum of 3 post placement supervision visits and reports, though this number can be higher depending on state and ICPC requirements. Social Worker mileage and reimbursement will also be assessed.	\$250/per visit Federal per diem rates apply
Home Study Updates: When enrolled in the Adoption Life Domestic Infant Adoption program, adoption home study updates will be provided by Adoption Life at no additional cost. This does not include mileage and social worker reimbursements associated with any required home visits. Home studies may be updated up to 5 times, or for up to 6 years from the original completion date before a new home study will be required, provided that significant changes to the family's circumstances have not dramatically changed the content of the original home study. This determination will be made by the agency director. Once a family has completed a domestic infant adoption with Adoption Life, a new home study and program fee will be required for future adoptions.	\$400 Federal per diem rates apply

Additional Charges (if applicable)	
Clinical Services: Professional clinical counseling services for birth parents or adoptive families. Services open to any adoptive family, domestic or international adoption. Appropriate referrals for clinical services may be provided if appropriate.	\$100/hour
Hourly Charge: Sometimes adoption work does not fall under a specific service category. If you require professional services not otherwise described above, an hourly fee may apply. All hourly work must be agreed upon prior to commencement with client understanding of any potential charges that may be incurred.	\$45/hour
Court Testimony: When Adoption Life is asked to testify on behalf of a client or in representation of a client, a fee shall apply. All courtroom appearances must be procured through a subpoena.	\$100/hour

By signing below, I/We indicate our acceptance of the current fee schedule and agree to pay all agreed upon fees as set forth in this document and in accordance with the Adoption Life Financial Policy.

Applicant 1 Signature *Date*

Applicant 2 Signature *Date*