

## ***The Center for Youth and Family Solutions Adoption Program Fee Structure***

In developing our Adoption Program Fee Schedule we faced the challenge of balancing our commitment to providing high quality, lifelong services to all members of the adoption triad with the need to make adoption affordable to all families regardless of their income. We recognize the costs of adoption are formidable and constitute a significant challenge to most household budgets.

We are convinced that the most appropriate context for the provision of adoption services is the non-profit agency. Non-profit means our services are non-commercial. Staff members receive reasonable salaries and are not motivated by their passion to service rather than by the prospect of profit.

Families entering our agency program enter a larger system. The agency context brings the advantages of respectability, continuity and stability, broader connections and supervision. With these advantages comes the responsibility of overhead expenses.

The agency fee structure allows us to meet the expense of providing service. Adoptive families are no longer restricted by the contract to pay birth related medical expenses. In addition, families can now enter into the adoption process with a clearer idea as to what their expenditures will be.

Our sliding fee scale is designed to give each family a fair and affordable opportunity to bring a child into their lives through adoption. We recognize it is sometimes tempting to simply link fees to a particular service provided. While there needs to be some connection, experience suggests it is an error to take that logic too far. If a tight link between service and fee were established, the expense for adoption would lose all predictability, because each situation is different and some are far more complicated than others. By spreading the exceptional expenditures across the entire pool of families, no single family faces the prospect of an extraordinarily expensive adoption. The pooling of resources is one of the great benefits of working with an agency.

Our sliding fee scale is based on family income at the time you enter the program. If your income varies or adjustments need to be considered due to self-employment or a family owned business the Adoption Program Coordinator will work with you to establish a fair and reasonable fee.

### **The Center for Youth and Family Solutions Infant Adoption Program Sliding Fee Scale**

Adoption Program fees are due according to the following schedule:

The initial interview is a service we provide free of charge. This will give you a chance to explore the adoption options that are available to you.

Orientation Fee of \$300 is due upon registration for the required educational orientation series.

Application Fee of \$250 is due at the time the family applies to the program. For the Infant, the Application Fee is paid after the Orientation and before the first Parent Training.

Parent Training and Homestudy Fee of \$1500 is due following orientation, upon registering for the Parent Training sessions.

The Adoption Fee is based on the family's adjusted gross income and ranges from a minimum of \$10,050 to a maximum of \$18,000. The Adoption fee is due in three installments: 1/3 upon approval of the homestudy, 1/3 at placement, and 1/3 at the final post placement supervisory visit (approximately 5 months following placement).

*Agency fees are non-refundable. Agency fees include birth related medical expenses for mother and child. Agency fees do not include attorney fees, court costs, or any related legal costs.*

Family Income	Orientation Fee	Homestudy Fee	Adoption Fee	Total Fees	Family Income	Orientation Fee	Homestudy Fee	Adoption Fee	Total Fees
<67000	300	1500	10050	11850	94000	300	1500	14100	15900
68000	300	1500	10200	12000	95000	300	1500	14250	16050
69000	300	1500	10350	12150	96000	300	1500	14400	16200
70000	300	1500	10500	12300	97000	300	1500	14550	16350
71000	300	1500	10650	12450	98000	300	1500	14700	16500
72000	300	1500	10800	12600	99000	300	1500	14850	16650
73000	300	1500	10950	12750	100000	300	1500	15000	16800
74000	300	1500	11100	12900	101000	300	1500	15150	16950
75000	300	1500	11250	13050	102000	300	1500	15300	17100
76000	300	1500	11400	13200	103000	300	1500	15450	17250
77000	300	1500	11550	13350	104000	300	1500	15600	17400
78000	300	1500	11700	13500	105000	300	1500	15750	17550
79000	300	1500	11850	13650	106000	300	1500	15900	17700
80000	300	1500	12000	13800	107000	300	1500	16050	17850
81000	300	1500	12150	13950	108000	300	1500	16200	18000
82000	300	1500	12300	14100	109000	300	1500	16350	18150
83000	300	1500	12450	14250	110000	300	1500	16500	18300
84000	300	1500	12600	14400	111000	300	1500	16650	18450
85000	300	1500	12750	14550	112000	300	1500	16800	18600
86000	300	1500	12900	14700	113000	300	1500	16950	18750
87000	300	1500	13050	14850	114000	300	1500	17100	18900
88000	300	1500	13200	15000	115000	300	1500	17250	19050
89000	300	1500	13350	15150	116000	300	1500	17400	19200
90000	300	1500	13500	15300	117000	300	1500	17550	19350
91000	300	1500	13650	15450	118000	300	1500	17700	19500
92000	300	1500	13800	15600	119000	300	1500	17850	19650
93000	300	1500	13950	15750	120000	300	1500	18000	19800

Families who complete their first adoption with the agency and who begin their second time parent training and homestudy within 6 months of their first adoptions legal finalization will receive a reduced rate of \$750.

**ADOPT WAITING CHILDREN ADOPTION**

Parent Training Orientation Fee is due upon registering for Orientation - \$300.00  
 Adopt Waiting Children Parent Training Fee is due before the start of the Parent Training - \$1500.00  
 The matching process, support services while waiting, as well as post placement services are provided free of charge.  
 A pre placement fee is due for placements that are out of the State of Illinois. This fee covers the case management that is necessary when working across state lines. \$500.00

A program transition fee is due when an applicant moves from one adoption program to another. This fee covers the case management necessary when moving between programs. \$ 300.00

**OUT-OF-AGENCY REFERRALS** (From other adoption Agencies, by Court order, and from Independent Sources, e.g. Attorney, Physician or Interstate Compact Office).

\$250.00 Application Fee due after the initial interview and before the beginning of parent training and homestudy.

<u>Homestudy Fee</u>	<u>Supervision Fee</u>	<u>Additional Expenses</u>
\$300.00 Orientation Fee \$1,500.00 (In Region)	\$1,000.00 (In Region)	\$500.00 Interstate Compact Fee
\$1,750.00 (Expedient or Court Ordered)	\$1,500.00 (Out of Region)	Birthparent Counseling *\$90.00 per hour
\$2,500.00 (Over 60 miles outside of the Region)		Attorney fees and legal expenses to finalize
\$500.00 Update/Upgrading		

When The Center for Youth and Family Solutions receives a request to assist with an Adoption by taking agency surrenders on the birthparent(s), there is a \$1,200.00 agency fee for adoption services; review of homestudy if conducted by another agency, maintain guardianship of child until legal finalization, arrange for and monitor post placement period\*\* (if applies), provide *Consent to Adoption*, file necessary court documentation and facilitate continuing contact.

When The Center for Youth and Family Solutions receives the first one-third of the adoption fee, the following is covered when an out of agency placement occurs:

Adoptive parents counseling casework services (support, circulation, groups, education).

Post placement supervision fee will be billed at the Out of Agency rate of \$1000.00 (in region) and \$1500.00 (beyond 60 miles from a CYFS office).

\*Upon receipt of a counseling referral an upfront retainer of \$900.00 will be charged to the adoptive family to cover the first ten hours of counseling services for the birth family. Additional counseling hours will be billed at an hourly rate of \$90.00. **The agency requires a minimum of three hours of counseling with birthparents prior to taking agency surrender.**

\*\*Post placement supervision fee will be billed at the Out of Agency rate of \$1000.00 (in region) and \$1500.00 (out of region).

**EMBRYO ADOPTION**

\$250.00 Application Fee	\$2600.00 Parent Training, homestudy and one follow up visit
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**SEARCH PROGRAM**

<b>Non-Identifying Social/Medical History</b> \$50.00	<b>Search Fee</b> \$300.00 (\$50.00 per hour after initial five hours).
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**OUTREACH PROGRAM**

Option 1 - \$500.00	Option 2 - \$1000.00
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