

***The Center for Youth and Family Solutions***

***Adoption Program Fee Structure***

In developing The ***Center for Youth and Family Solutions Adoption Program*** fees 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 the most appropriate context for the provision of adoption services is the non-profit agency. Non-profit means our services are non-commercial. Our program is based on a fee for service philosophy. Prospective adoptive parent pay for services as they are provided. Program fees are explained below.

The Initial Interview is a service provided to any prospective adoptive parent interested in learning about adoption options through ***The Center for Youth and Family Solutions.*** The interview provides information on each of the adoption options so prospective adoptive parents can make informed decisions on which option is best for them. **There is no charge for the Initial Interview.**

***Agency Assisted Infant Fees:***

**Orientation Fee for the Infant is $300** and is due by the first Orientation session.

**Application Fee for the Infant is $300** and is due when the family applies to the program. The Application fee must be paid prior to attending any adoptive parent trainings.

**Infant Parent Training and Homestudy Fee of $2000** is due following orientation, prior to beginning the start of the Parent Training sessions.

Our **Agency Assisted** **Infant Adoption Fee scale** was designed to give each family a fair and affordable opportunity to bring a child into their lives through adoption. Our sliding fee scale is based on the family’s adjusted gross income at the time they enter the Infant Adoption Program. The **Infant Adoption Fee** ranges from a minimum of $12,060 to a maximum of $21,600.To make the fee manageable, the Infant 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). The Infant Adoption fee includes but is not limited to covering the matching process between birth parents and adoptive parents, birth parent and adoptive parent counseling before and during placement as well as 2 months after placement for birthparents and 6 months post placement visits for the adoptive family, collateral contacts with the hospital or other service provider in preparation of an adoption experience, preparation and execution of parental surrenders, assisting the birth parent with access to the Illinois Adoption Registry and preparation of legal documents for the adoption finalization.

*Agency fees are non-refundable. This includes the first third when placed outside of the agency assisted program. Agency fees do not include infant medical fees, attorney fees, court costs, or any related legal costs.*

***Agency Assisted Infant Adoption Sliding Fee Scale:***



***Out of Agency Infant Adoption Fees:***

Out of agency referrals may include a request for services from another adoption agencies, by Court order, and from independent sources, e.g. Attorney, Physician or Interstate Compact Office. These fees are tailored to meet the specific adoptive situations.

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| **Homestudy/ Parent Preparation Fee**  $300 Application Fee  $300 Orientation Fee  $2000 (In Region Homestudy Fee)  $2,500 (Over 60 miles outside of the Region)  $3000 (Expedient or Court Ordered)  $1000 Upgrading prior homestudy when CYFS did not complete the first homestudy  $500 CYFS Homestudy Update Fee when updating a CYFS homestudy | **Supervision Fee**  $1,000.00 (In Region) ( up to 4 visits)  $1,500.00 (Out of Region) (up to 4 visits) plus mileage over 60 miles at the State mileage rate.  More than 4 visits or stand-alone post placement visits - $300 per visit | **Additional Expenses**  $500.00 Interstate Compact Fee  Birthparent Counseling  \*100.00 per hour  $90 per hour case management fee when working with the custodial or birth parent agency on an out of agency placement  Attorney fees and legal expenses to finalize |

**Application Fee for Out of Agency Referrals is $300.00.** The Application Fee is due after the initial interview and before the beginning of parent training and homestudy. Other fees may include:

*In addition to the adoption fees paid to The Center for Youth and Family Solutions, there may be additional medical and legal expense that are the responsibility of the adoptive parents.*

***Out of Agency Birth Parent Services Fees:***

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 **$1,500.00 agency fee** for handling the surrender process. There is an additional $500.00 when additional surrenders are requested. For example the surrender fee for the birthmother would be $1500 and the birth father fee would be **$500.** These fees also include providing a Consent to Adoption for court, filing necessary court documentation for finalization and facilitating continuing contact when requested.

Upon receipt of a birth parent counseling referral an **upfront retainer of $1000.00** will be charged to the adoptive family to cover the first ten hours of counseling related services including travel to the birth family. Additional hours will be billed at an **hourly rate of $100.00**. **The agency requires a minimum of three hours of counseling with birthparents prior to taking agency surrender.**

***Adopt Waiting Children (AWC) Fees:***

There are several options available when considering adopting through the AWC program.

* ***AWC Agency Assisted*** – Agency Assisted families work **only** with The Center for Youth and Family Solutions. As long as the families works only through CYFS, there is no update fee for the homestudy or support during the 6 months placement period.

AWC Application Fee $300 Parent Training Orientation Fee is due at the time of Orientation $300

Adopt Waiting Children Parent Training Fee is due before the start of the Parent Training $2000

The matching process, support services while waiting, as well as post placement services are provided free of charge. Families working with the AWC Agency Assisted are asked **NOT TO** look outside of the agency for potential referrals.

* ***AWC Outreach*** – Families who may either be aware of a referral or desire to look outside of the agency for a referral participate in the AWC Outreach option. The CYFS adoption specialist will only send the approved homestudy when requested. Additional services will be based on a fee for service schedule.

AWC application fee $300

Parent Training Orientation Fee is due at the time of Orientation $300

Adopt Waiting Children Parent Training Fee is due before the start of the Parent Training $2000

Expedited fee is due at the conclusion of Parent Training $500

(This fee occurs when a family has already identified a child outside of the agency

and is needing training/homestudy completed in less than 3 months.)

Support Service Fee (when children have been placed) $500

Interstate Compact Fee (If applicable) $500

(For out of state referrals. Price may vary depending on what the sending state requires)

***Embryo Fees:***

The Center for Youth and Family Solutions provides parent training, homestudy and support service to families who wish to participate embryo adoption. Fees include:

* Application Fee $300
* Parent Training and one follow up visit $2600

If additional post birth visits are required by the matching agency the fee of $250 per visit will be due.

***Second Time Adoption Fees***

Infant adoptive families who complete their first adoption with the agency and who begin their second time training and homestudy within 6 months of finalization will receive a reduced rate of **$1000** for their second or subsequent parent training and homestudy. Fees for Infant adoptive families who wait longer than 6 months from legal finalization to begin their next parent training and homestudy will follow the original fee schedule.

Due to the complexities of the AWC and Embryo adoption program, second or subsequent parent training and homestudy fees are not subject to a reduced rate.

***Miscellaneous Program Fees:***

* **Transitional Program Fees-** 
  + When a CYFS prospective adoptive parents with a current Infant or AWC homestudy desires to transition from their current program to either the CYFS Infant or AWC **-** $500
  + Current CYFS foster parents 2 or more years of experience in foster care who desire to transition to AWC **-**$500
* **Homestudy Update Fees** - $500
* **Search Fees** –
  + **Non**-identifying information Social/Medical History on CYFS cases- $50
  + **Search to locate** – $300 for the first 5 hours.

$50 per additional hours

* **Infant Outreach Program Option 1** - $500 Currently with an out of agency adoption homestudy
* **Infant Outreach Program Option 2** - $1000 Currently licensed for foster care but requiring an adoptive homestudy

While many CYFS adoption clients would like to show support by donating to the adoption program, such donations cannot be made until the adoption case file is closed. In this way, CYFS can assist in maintaining the integrity of the adoption process and avoid any conflict of interest.



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