

Adoption Center of Illinois at Family Resource Center Fee Schedule / Effective January 2017

SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM SERVICE FEES	FEE	NOTES
☞ TRADITIONAL ADOPTION PLACEMENT (TAP) PROGRAM - A DOMESTIC ADOPTION PROGRAM ☞		
Domestic Program (TAP) – <u>Phase I</u> Application, Evaluation, Home Study, and Orientation Fee	\$4,000	This fee covers costs associated with conducting a Home Study, providing educational support, and orienting a family to the adoption process in Illinois. It is an all-inclusive fee that covers up to 4 post-placement visits for 1 child and the issuance of a court report. Once completed, the Home Study produced in Phase I is available to the potential adoptive parents for any other legal adoption – whether or not our agency takes a direct role in that adoption.
TAP Alumni (previous applicants)	\$3,500	
Domestic Program (TAP) – Phase I When family comes with a valid Home Study from other resource	\$2,750	
Domestic Program (TAP) – <u>Phase II</u> Program Registration Fee	\$5,500	Paid by all program participants in TAP program – entitles participant to receive a broad range of services including but not limited to: being listed on our website, being presented to birth parents coming into contact with our agency, assistance with lining up resources to support adoption plans, ongoing consultation regarding adoption and possible adoption situations.
Domestic Program (TAP) – <u>Phase III</u> Placement Fee	\$23,900	This fee is only paid if an adoption occurs and covers all adoptive parent expenses other than their legal costs.
Total Range of Fees in TAP Program for Illinois Families	\$20,400 to \$33,400	This range of fees represents the sum of Phase I, Phase II and Phase III fees paid in association with a TAP program placement, as well as the possibility that a family has applied for and been granted Family Based Financial Aid. Such aid is only applicable in the Traditional Adoption Placement (TAP) Program. See Domestic Program Overview and Fee Structure for more detail.
Total Range of Fees in TAP Program for Alumni	\$19,900 to \$32,900	
Total Range of Fees in TAP Program for non-Illinois families or a family with a Home Study from another resource	\$19,150 to \$32,150	

Please Note: All fees paid to Adoption Center of Illinois at Family Resource Center are non-refundable unless otherwise noted in writing. We want everyone to be aware that all of our fees are reviewed annually by our Board of Directors and are subject to change. Applicants are responsible for obtaining, at their own expense, independent legal counsel in all adoption situations.

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<p align="center">⌘ AGENCY ASSISTED ADOPTION PLACEMENT (AAP) PROGRAM ⌘ A DOMESTIC ADOPTION PROGRAM</p>		
Agency Assisted Placement Program – <u>Phase I</u> Application, Evaluation, Home Study, and Orientation Fee Alumni (previous applicants)	\$4,000 \$3,500	This fee covers costs associated with conducting a Home Study, providing educational support, and orienting a family to the adoption process in Illinois. It is an all-inclusive fee that covers up to 4 post-placement visits for 1 child and the issuance of a court report. Once completed, the Home Study produced in Phase I is available to the potential adoptive parents for any other legal adoption – whether or not our agency takes a direct role in that adoption. Someone in our Agency Assisted Adoption Placement Program may choose to also be listed in our TAP program. In such instances potential adoptive parents pay only one [1] phase I fee.
Agency Assisted Placement Program – <u>Phase I</u> Application, Evaluation, Orientation Fee When family comes with a valid Home Study from other resource	\$2,750	Potential Adoptive Parents coming to our agency with a valid Home Study from another resource receive orientation to adoption in Illinois and information regarding our Agency Assisted Adoption Placement Program.
Agency Assisted Professional Services Fee – <u>Phase II</u>	\$1,500	Covers the first 15 hours of service provided by Birth Parent Counselors and “in-process” time spent by our professional and accounting staff after period of initial orientation.
Hourly cost for Agency Assisted Adoption Placement Program beyond first 15 hours of “service time”	\$100	
Agency Assisted Adoption Placement Program Birth Parent Expense Fund Deposit	\$2,500	This is not a “fee” but rather represents funds provided by potential adoptive parents that are used to cover approved expenses in process of working with birth parents considering adoption. See sample Agency Assisted Adoption Placement Program Agreement for more detail.
Agency Assisted Adoption Placement Program – <u>Phase III</u> Placement Fee	\$4,500	This fee is paid only if an adoptive placement is completed.
Total Fee in AAP Program for Illinois Families Total Fee in AAP Program for Alumni Total Fee in AAP Program for non-Illinois families or a family with a Home Study from another resource	\$10,000 \$9,500 \$8,750	This represents the sum of Phase I, Phase II and Phase III fees paid in association with an AAP program placement. (The total fee does not include the AAP Program Birth Parent Expense Fund Deposit).

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☞ PHASE III – SIBLING PLACEMENTS ☞ FOR TAP AND AAP PROGRAMS		
TAP Program Phase III Fee will not exceed	\$35,850	When two or more children from the same birth mother are placed at the same time through TAP program, Placement fees will be determined on the following basis; applicants will either pay 1.5 full placement fees or two full placement fees less Family Based Financial Aid (whichever is less). FBFA award eligibility may be reassessed for the placement of siblings.
Agency-Assisted Placement Program Phase III Fee	\$6,750	

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☞ HOME STUDY SERVICES ☞ FOR DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION		
International Home Study	\$4,000	Comprehensive fee includes required education and training, Home Study, up to 4 post-placement visits for 1 child, court report for Illinois re-adoption.
Domestic Home Study	\$4,000	Comprehensive fee includes required education and training, Home Study, up to 4 post-placement visits for 1 child, court report for Illinois re-adoption.
Home Study (re-application for previous clients)	\$3,500	For re-application, i.e.: 2nd, 3rd, etc. adoption.
Expedited Fee (For emergency situations only)	\$750	Our agency can expedite the Home Study process and visit to your home; criminal clearances, references, medical releases, etc. may delay completion of the final Home Study as agency cannot expedite these items.
Home Study Conversion	\$600	If Home Study is converted from one format to another (i.e. Domestic to International, China to Ethiopia).
Updated Home Study (Domestic or International)	\$600	If required by family, out-of-state agency, ICPC, DCFS, or USCIS. This is also required when an applicant moves to a new address or if there is the addition of a household member, including the birth of a biological child.
Additional Posts (after 4)	\$300	
	\$100	Cost for each additional child, if posts are conducted concurrently.
Court Report	\$250	Cost if our agency did not conduct the Home Study

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⌘ WAITING CHILD SERVICES (WCS) PROGRAM ⌘ A DOMESTIC ADOPTION PROGRAM		
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Waiting Child Services Program – <u>Phase I</u> Application, Evaluation, Home Study, and Orientation Alumni (previous applicants)	\$4,000 \$3,500	<p>This fee covers the application fee, initial application interview, Home Study, educational support, and orienting a family to the foster care to adoption process within the United States. Once completed, the Home Study produced in Phase I is available to the prospective adoptive parents for any other legal adoption – whether or not our agency takes a direct role in that adoption. Someone in our WCS Program may choose to also be listed in our TAP program. In such instances potential adoptive parents pay only one [1] Phase I fee.</p> <p>Additionally, prospective adoption parents must be referred by an agency for all Foster PRIDE/Adopt PRIDE training. PRIDE must be attended by all prospective adoptive parents interested in adopting a child eligible for adoption from the foster care system of any US state. The training is composed of 9 sessions, each 3 hours in length, for a total of 27 hours.</p>
Waiting Child Services Program– <u>Phase II</u> Support Services	\$2,500 \$600	<p>Phase II fee is due upon completion of Home Study and DCFS PRIDE training. Pre-placement matching assistance is provided by the Waiting Child Adoption Specialist. The specialist will guide you through the process and support you to find and obtain information about available children in all states, including Illinois. Once matched, the specialist will coordinate the process with the sending state. Should a placement be pending, the specialist along with the Home Study Worker will help you identify and locate services that may be needed (i.e. counseling services, psychologists). After a child is placed in your home, your Home Study Worker will conduct monthly in-home visits until the adoption finalization. This fee covers a period of 24 months.</p> <p>Program fee due annually if the prospective adoptive parent has not successfully adopted and would like to continue to receive services (after the initial 24 months has expired).</p>
Updated Home Study	\$600	<p>Home Studies are required to be updated <u>annually</u> until a match occurs. An updated Home Study is also required when an applicant moves to a new address or if there is the addition of a household member, including the birth of a biological child.</p>

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<p align="center">☞ PRIMARY PROVIDER SERVICES ☞</p> <p align="center">AN INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION SERVICE FOR PARENT-INITIATED OR RELATIVE CHILD ADOPTIONS</p>		
Primary Provider Services – <u>Phase I</u>	\$1,000	Fee covers initial consultation with Home Study provider, other adoption service providers, in-country attorneys and/or foreign or US governmental authorities. Review of any adoption documents already obtained. Determination of the viability of providing primary provider services.
Primary Provider Services – <u>Phase II</u>	\$3,000	Ongoing communication and/or supervision of home study service provider, foreign supervised providers, foreign attorneys, foreign and US governmental agencies and Central Authorities. Review of all documentation required to verify completion of all six adoption services in order to allow APs to apply for visa for child's entry to United States.
<p align="center">☞ HAGUE OUTGOING PRIMARY PROVIDER SERVICES ☞</p> <p align="center">AN INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION PROGRAM FOR NON-US RESIDENTS ADOPTING CHILDREN IN THE US</p>		
Hague Outgoing Primary Provider Services - <u>Phase I</u> Application/Orientation/Evaluation	\$2,500	Fee covers review of current Home Study and Article 15, determination of the viability of the possible adoption, orientation to the Hague Convention process and communication with other ASPs.
Hague Outgoing Primary Provider Services - <u>Phase II</u>	\$2,500	Fee covers ongoing communication and supervision of other ASPs, preparation of all required preliminary documentation in compliance with the Hague Convention.
Hague Outgoing Primary Provider Services - <u>Phase III</u> Placement Fee	\$2,500	Fee covers review and preparation of Child Background Study, Birth Parent consents, Article 16 letter, Article 17 letter, post-placement supervision reports, and documentation for Hague Adoption Certificate.

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OUT-OF-STATE COORDINATED PLACEMENT (OSCP) PROGRAM FOR OUT-OF-STATE PLACEMENTS		
Out-of-State Coordination Fee	\$3,500	Paid in two installments \$1,500 and \$2,000 – see note below.
This fee is applicable when a Birth Parent (BP) who does not live in Illinois contacts our agency through our website and this contact results in a connection being made between the BP and an applicant. When applicants agree to proceed with this adoption opportunity, they pay our agency the initial fee. If an adoption does not result from this match, no additional fee is paid. The final payment is due only if and when an identified BP executes surrenders for adoption or its equivalent in the state where they reside. Applicants are responsible for all expenses, including but not limited to: BP expenses; out-of-state and/or Illinois legal expenses; out-of-state agency expenses; travel and lodging.		
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OTHER SERVICES & COSTS		
Hourly Consultation Rate	\$100 per hour	For all senior staff services – individual interviews, private consultation, post adoption services.
Mileage	54 cents per mile	If a family resides more than 100 miles round trip from either our office (60660) or Dunlap (61525) they will be assessed a mileage charge for each mile beyond 100 miles traveled for any agency related home visit (Home Study, post, etc.).
Environmental/Safety Assessment	\$1,000	A court ordered assessment required to obtain visitation or custody of a biological child residing out of state.
Hosting Study	\$2,000	This fee covers costs associated with conducting an in-home assessment in order to host an international child. The fee would be applied to the IHSO fee for applicants who then continue to pursue an adoption.
Embryo Home Study	\$2,500	This fee covers costs associated with conducting a Home Study for an embryo adoption. The fee covers the application, Home Study, and one post-placement visit. If an embryo adoption is not completed and the applicant wishes to apply for a Domestic Home Study, the \$2,500 paid can be applied toward the full Home Study fee.

Adoption Center of Illinois at Family Resource Center's Refund Policy

In the spirit of transparency, and in order to avoid any confusion, our agency wants applicants to know what fees are refundable and under what circumstances. Unless otherwise stated below, all fees paid to our agency are non-refundable.

I. Phase I or Home Study Fee

A portion of the Phase I or Home Study Fee is refundable under the following circumstances:

A] If an applicant submits an application to our agency and withdraws¹ it within 72 hours of the time it has been received by our agency, all but \$250 of the Phase I or Home Study Fee is refundable.

B] If an applicant submits an application to our agency and withdraws¹ it within 21 days of the time it has been received by our agency, all but \$1,000 of the Phase I or Home Study Fee is refundable.

C] There shall be no refund of the Phase I or Home Study Fee once a worker enters an applicant's home and begins an in-home visit and interview even if this interview and visit begins prior to the 21 day period referenced above in section [B].

II. TAP Program Placement Fee

The TAP Program Placement Fee is refundable under the following circumstances:

In legal risk situations involving unknown putative fathers, the actual amount of the placement fee paid by an adoptive parent(s) will be fully refunded by Adoption Center of Illinois at Family Resource Center in the event that the adoptive placement of the child is reversed prior to the finalization of the adoption, due to (1) a successful legal challenge brought by a putative/biological father and (2) loss of custody of the child by the adoptive parent(s). This refund will be made by our agency to the adoptive parent(s) within 60 days after **both** the entry of the final court order and the return or surrender of the child to Adoption Center of Illinois at Family Resource Center or the putative/biological father. The 60 day period will begin after the second of the aforementioned events occurs.

III. Agency Assisted Placement Program "Expense Fund"

This section only applies to participants in the Agency-Assisted Adoption Placement (AAP) Program. The unused portion of an applicant's "Expense Fund" in the AAP Program is refundable as per the terms set forth in the AAP Program Agreement entered into between Adoption Center of Illinois at Family Resource Center and program participants/applicants and signed by the applicants.

¹ An application shall be considered "withdrawn" when the applicant(s) sends an email or fax to an ACI staff member indicating their desire to withdraw their application. If applicant does not receive confirmation within 48 hours, please contact agency Associate Director.