



# PROGRAMS OVERVIEW & FEE STRUCTURE

## Adoption Center of Illinois at Family Resource Center Programs:

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**HOME STUDY ONLY (HSO) PROGRAM**– Our agency completes a Home Study (Domestic or International) for Illinois prospective adoptive parents who are working with other placing resources (agencies and/or attorneys). Our agency’s HSO Program for International Adoption does not include Primary Provider Services. Any family pursuing International Adoption must identify and retain a Primary Provider to oversee their International Adoption. *See page 3 for program fees.*

**TRADITIONAL ADOPTION PLACEMENT (TAP) PROGRAM** – Our agency works with expectant parents (EPs) to explore the option of developing adoption plans for their children. We assist EPs to find potential placements for their child by sharing profiles of our prospective adoptive parents. To minimize prospective adoptive parents’ financial risk, there are no matching fees, and our agency pays all EP expenses. *See page 4 for program fees.*

**AGENCY-ASSISTED PLACEMENT (AAP) PROGRAM** – Similar to our TAP program, our agency supports expectant parents (EPs) and prospective adoptive parents throughout the adoption process. With the AAP program, prospective adoptive parents have already identified an EP residing in Illinois who is considering placing a child for adoption. Prospective adoptive parents pay for staff expenses (mileage, time, etc.) and legally allowable EP expenses. These fees are not recoverable if placement does not occur. *See page 5 for program fees.*

**WAITING CHILD SERVICES (WCS) PROGRAM** – Our agency supports prospective adoptive parents to navigate the various foster care systems throughout the US, including Illinois, by helping them identify and obtain information about children available for adoption. Once matched, our agency will coordinate the process with the agency or sending state. *See page 6 for program fees.*

**PRIMARY PROVIDER SERVICES** – Our agency may be able to serve as the Primary Provider for your international adoption, for relative or parent-identified adoptions. This service is independent and separate from the international home study service. Family Resource Center (the legal name of Adoption Center of Illinois) has been a Hague-accredited agency since 2008. This accreditation allows us to act as an Accredited Adoption Service Provider (ASP) for international adoptions, both Hague and non-Hague adoptions. *See page 7 for program fees.*

## IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING FEES

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At Adoption Center of Illinois, we strive to make the adoption process clear by offering program-specific, “all-inclusive” fees whenever possible, so families can plan with confidence. A full list of services included with our fees are detailed in each program section.

Please note that placing agency and attorney fees are paid directly to those providers. International adoptions involve additional third-party costs, outlined on page 10.

Because adoption outcomes cannot be guaranteed, all fees are non-refundable unless otherwise indicated. Details about our refund policy are provided on page 12.

*All fees are subject to change.*

# DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL HOME STUDY ONLY PROGRAM

## PHASE I FEE:

**Services:**

- Application & Initial Interview
- Home Study<sup>1</sup>
- Adoption Education and Training
- Five Post Placements Visits/Reports for 1 child
- Court Report

**Fee due with application:**

\$4,900

*ACI Alumni Fee: \$4,400*

## PHASE II: AGENCY COORDINATION

**Services:**

- Coordinating with other agencies for home study review, document submission, and ongoing case support
- ICPC Coordination (Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children)

**Fee due upon finalization of Home**

**Study:**

\$500<sup>2</sup>

**TOTAL:**

\$5,400

*ACI Alumni Fee: \$4,900*

**NOTE:** Our agency's International Home Study Only Program does not include Primary Provider Services.

<sup>1</sup> Home Study Update Requirements: All domestic home studies must be updated annually for a \$750 fee until placement occurs. All International home studies must be updated when prospective adoptive parents I800A/I600A will be expiring (if prospective adoptive parents have not filed an I800/I600 for a specific child).

<sup>2</sup> This fee is waived for families who submitted their Phase I fee prior to 9/30/2024

# TRADITIONAL ADOPTION PLACEMENT (TAP) PROGRAM

<b>PHASE I FEE:</b>	
<b>Services:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Application &amp; Initial Interview</li> <li>○ Home Study<sup>3</sup></li> <li>○ Adoption Education and Training</li> <li>○ Five Post Placements Visits/Reports for 1 child</li> <li>○ Court Report</li> </ul>	<b>Fee due with application:</b> \$4,900  <i>ACI Alumni Fee: \$4,400</i>
<b>PHASE II: TAP PROGRAM</b>	
<b>Services:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Expectant Parent (EP) outreach/advertising efforts</li> <li>○ Emergency response service – staff on call 24 hours per day</li> <li>○ Support/feedback in the creation of family profiles</li> <li>○ Expectant Parent Counselor services</li> <li>○ Family profile services on agency website</li> <li>○ Management and disbursement of expectant parent fund</li> <li>○ Coordination of post-placement communication plan</li> </ul>	<b>Fee due after acceptance into program:</b> \$6,500
<b>PHASE III: PLACEMENT</b>	
<b>Fee due at the time of placement:</b> \$28,500 <sup>4</sup>	
<b>TOTAL:</b> \$39,900 <i>ACI Alumni Fee: \$39,400</i>	

**Family Based Financial Aid – TAP PROGRAM ONLY:** The Board of Directors established the FBFA program to reduce financial barriers to adoption. Families may apply for FBFA before submitting a formal ACI application and Phase I fee by paying a \$250 non-refundable FBFA fee. This fee will be applied to the Phase I fee, should the family proceed.

Alternatively, upon submitting the ACI application and Phase I fee, families are eligible to submit a FBFA application within 60 days at no additional cost. *Any award is applied to the Phase III placement fee and credited at the time of placement.* Additional information can be found [here](#).

<sup>3</sup> Home Study Update Requirements: All domestic home studies must be updated annually for a \$750 fee until placement occurs.  
<sup>4</sup> Sibling Placements: When two or more children from the same biological parent(s) are placed at the same time through the TAP program, prospective adoptive parents will pay 1.5 full placement fees.

# AGENCY-ASSISTED PLACEMENT (AAP) PROGRAM

<p><b>Services (as applicable):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Initial meeting and assessment with expectant parent</li> </ul>	<p><b>\$400</b> + mileage and travel expenses</p>
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## PHASE I FEE:

<p><b>Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Application &amp; Initial Interview</li> <li>○ Home Study<sup>5</sup></li> <li>○ Adoption Education and Training</li> <li>○ Coordination and communication with home study agency, adoption attorney, and other adoption service providers</li> <li>○ Case management services</li> <li>○ ICPC Coordination</li> <li>○ Five Post Placements Visits/Reports for 1 child</li> <li>○ Court Report</li> </ul>	<p><b>Fee due with application:</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$4,900</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>ACI Alumni Fee: \$4,400</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>\$3,000 for applicants who are using another provider for home study services.</i></p>
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## PHASE II FEE:

<p><b>Expectant Parent Counseling Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Emergency response service – staff on call 24 hours per day</li> <li>○ EP counseling services</li> <li>○ Coordination of hospital plan</li> <li>○ Management of EP Expense Fund</li> <li>○ Coordination of post-placement communication plan between APs and EPs</li> </ul>	<p><b>Fees due with AAP Program Agreement:</b></p> <p>Expectant Parent Counseling Services: \$3,000</p> <p>Expectant Parent Expense Fund: \$3,000</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Phase II: \$6,000</p>
<p><b>Expectant Parent Expense Fund:</b> ACI manages and disburses these funds for pre-approved expenses, such as living, medical, and transportation costs. <u>Expenses may exceed this amount. Unused funds will be refunded.</u></p>	

<p>Total Fees for AAP Program: \$10,900 ACI Alumni Fee: \$10,400 \$9,000 for applicants with current Home Study</p>
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<sup>5</sup> Home Study Update Requirements: All domestic home studies must be updated annually for a \$750 fee until placement occurs.

# WAITING CHILD SERVICES (WCS) PROGRAM

## PHASE I FEE:

<p><b>Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Application &amp; Initial Interview</li> <li>○ Home Study<sup>6</sup></li> <li>○ Adoption Education and Training</li> <li>○ Post Placements Visits/Reports</li> <li>○ Court Report</li> </ul>	<p><b>Fee due with application:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">\$4,900</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>ACI Alumni Fee: \$4,400</i></p>
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## PHASE II: WCS PROGRAM

<p><b>Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pre-placement matching assistance</li> <li>○ Obtaining information about available children</li> <li>○ Coordinating process with the sending state</li> <li>○ Child Specific Home Study</li> <li>○ Identifying and locating services that may be needed (i.e., counseling, psychologists)</li> <li>○ ICPC Coordination (Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children)</li> <li>○ Ongoing support and case management</li> </ul>	<p><b>Fee due after acceptance into program:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">\$3,000</p>
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<p>Total Fees for WCS Program<sup>7</sup></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">\$7,900</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>ACI Alumni Fee: \$7,400</i></p>
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<sup>6</sup> Home Study Update Requirements: All domestic home studies must be updated annually for a \$750 fee until placement occurs.

<sup>7</sup> Total fees do not include travel expenses.

# INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY PROVIDER

## DOCUMENT REVIEW

**Services:**

Document Review & Consultation - Once initial email questions are answered, we will review your adoption documents and if they appear to be in good order, we will then ask you to submit an application for our Primary Provider Services and pay the Phase I fee.

*NOTE: If the document review stage has not progressed within 12 months from date of first contact due to lack of communication or not submitting required documentation, we will close your file. You can then restart the process at any time with newly scanned documentation and an additional \$250 review fee per child.*

**Fee: \$250 per child  
(non-refundable)**

**Cases that are approved to move forward following the document review stage will pay the following fees:**

### PHASE I

**Services:**

- Initial Consultation with other adoption service providers,
- in- country attorneys and/or foreign authorities as needed
- Determination of the viability of providing primary provider services
- Includes an \$815 Monitoring and Oversight fee that agency will pay directly to CEAS, the accrediting entity, for the adoption of ONE child. If more than one child is being adopted, Phase I will include an additional \$1,100 per child (\$815 for each child will be sent directly to CEAS for Monitoring and Oversight).

**Fee due with application:  
\$3,100**

### PHASE II

**Services:**

- Review of international home study to ensure full compliance with Hague Standards.
- Ongoing communication and/or supervision of home study service provider, foreign supervised providers, foreign attorneys, foreign and US governmental agencies and Central Authorities.
- Support and oversight of USCIS applications including I600A and/or I600
- Assistance with reviewing and responding to RFEs, NOIDs, NODs or other immigration requests
- Review of USCIS approval and all documentation required to verify completion of all six-adoption services in order to allow prospective adoptive parents to apply for visa for child's entry to United States.
- Support and assistance with USCIS and visa application process. Review of post placement reports or post adoption reports.

**Fee due upon FRC's receipt of Home Study Draft:  
Fee: \$3,100**

**Home Study Update/Addendum review  
Fee: \$250-500**

- If a RFE or NOID is issued by USCIS for your non-disclosure of information.
- If a significant change occurs in the household, including but not limited to a change in residence, family composition, marital status, criminal history, or financial resources.
- If home study agency requires an update in accordance with their state regulations.

**Total: \$6,200**

# ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Service	Fee
<p><b>Expedited Fee (For emergencies only):</b></p> <p>Agency can expedite the Home Study process and visit to your home under extenuating circumstances only. <i>Criminal clearances, references, medical releases, etc. may delay completion of the final Home Study, as our agency cannot expedite these items.</i></p>	<b>\$900</b>
<p><b>Home Study Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Domestic home studies must be updated annually until placement occurs</li> <li>○ International home studies must be updated prior to prospective adoptive parents' I800A/I600A expiring (if an I800/I600 has not been filed for a specific child)</li> <li>○ When Home Studies are converted from one program to another (i.e. Domestic to International, China to Colombia, Domestic to Waiting Child Services)</li> <li>○ When prospective adoptive parents move to a new address, there is a change in the number of household members (including the birth of a biological child), etc.</li> </ul>	<b>\$750</b>
<p><b>Reactivation Fee:</b></p> <p>Families on hold for more than 12 months will be required to pay a Reactivation Fee of \$1,500 prior to resuming active status. The Reactivation Fee applies only to families who have completed the Initial Application Interview and were assigned a Home Study Worker. This fee applies to families who stop communicating with ACI, those who voluntarily go on hold, as well as families who give birth to a child or adopt independent of ACI home study services. The Home Study Update fee is included in the Reactivation Fee. See Home Study Services Agreement for details.</p>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<p><b>Additional Post Placement Visits/Reports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Phase I fee includes five post-placement visits/reports for 1 child. Additional posts will be charged a fee of \$400 per visit/report</li> <li>○ A fee of \$100 will be charged for each additional child per visit if posts are conducted concurrently</li> </ul>	<b>\$400</b>
	<b>\$100</b>
<p><b>Court Report:</b></p> <p>Fee applies only in situations when ACI did not complete the Home Study</p>	<b>\$500</b>
<p><b>Mileage:</b></p> <p>Travel beyond 200 miles round trip from ACI (60660) or Peoria (61602) will incur a charge for each additional mile. This fee is based on the Internal Revenue Service current rates.</p>	<b>70 cents/mile</b>
<p><b>Environmental/Safety Assessment:</b></p> <p>A court ordered assessment required to obtain visitation or custody of a biological child residing out of state. This fee covers the first 12 hours of service provided (average time spent on assessments). Additional hours after the first 12 hours of service will be billed at the hourly rate of \$125.</p>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<p><b>International Hosting Study:</b></p> <p>Assessment and report. Fee will be applied to Home Study Only Program fee if continuing with International Home Study Services</p>	<b>\$2,200</b>

<p><b>Embryo Home Study:</b>          Fee covers the application, Home Study, and one post-placement visit. If an embryo adoption is not completed and the prospective adoptive parents wish to apply for a Domestic Home Study, \$2,600 will be applied to the current home study fee of \$4,900.</p>	<p><b>\$2,600</b></p>
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## THIRD PARTY FEES

The following fees are estimates only and subject to change. Participants should contact provider(s) directly to confirm amount(s).

Service	Amount	Due
<b>Illinois State and FBI Fingerprinting</b>	\$59.45 each	At fingerprinting site
<b>State Child Abuse Checks</b>	\$0-\$30 each <i>Varies by State</i>	Submission of child abuse check request
<b>Documents:</b> (birth certificate, marriage license, divorce decree, employment verifications, etc.)	Varies	Upon request for document from issuing entity
<b>Medical Exam</b>	Varies	At medical visit

If adopting internationally, Participants will be responsible for payment of additional costs, expenses and fees payable predominately to the Primary Provider (PP). The below are estimates and the PP will be responsible for providing Participants estimates for the following fees including but not limited to:

## THIRD PARTY FEES FOR INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION HOME STUDY ONLY

*For Participants NOT Using Agency as a Primary Provider*

Service	Amount
<b>Passport</b> (For applicants without current US passport)	<b>\$130/person</b>
<p><b>USCIS application</b>            All U.S. families must receive approval from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) before bringing a child to the U.S. Fee includes USCIS application and fingerprinting.</p>	<b>\$920</b>
<p><b>Pre-adoption Medical Review of Child Referral</b>            Review of child referral with a pediatrician experienced in international adoption to discuss potential diagnoses and outcomes and identify resources needed to meet the child's needs.</p>	<b>\$250 - \$800</b> (costs vary by reviewer)

<p><b>Document Translation/Interpretation Services</b>  Costs for obtaining, translating, or copying records or documents required to complete the adoption; costs for the child's court documents, passport, adoption certificate and other documents related to the adoption, and costs for notarizations and certifications.</p>	<p><b>\$50-60 per hour</b>   <b>10-25 cents/word</b></p>
<p><b>Child Expenses in-Country</b>  Clothing, food, shelter, medical care, foster care services, orphanage care, and any other services provided directly to the child.</p>	<p><b>\$300/month</b>  (estimate)</p>
<p><b>Child Medical Examination in-Country</b>  Should the general examination reveal the need for additional tests or a more specialized examination, Participants would be responsible for all associated fees.</p>	<p><b>\$100 - \$200</b>  plus immunizations as needed  (estimate)</p>
<p><b>Immigrant Visa interview and processing fee</b></p>	<p><b>\$325</b></p>
<p><b>International Re-Adoption</b>  It is strongly recommended and, in some cases, required, for adoptive parents to re-adopt upon arrival in the United States with their child. Once the child is in the US, recognition and validation of the adoption is subject to the laws of the parents' state of residence. Please review <a href="https://www.childwelfare.gov/resources/state-recognition-intercountry-adoptions-finalized-abroad/">https://www.childwelfare.gov/resources/state-recognition-intercountry-adoptions-finalized-abroad/</a> for further information.</p>	<p><b>\$25 - \$1,500</b>  (costs vary by state)</p>
<p><b>In-Country Adoption Fees Including Required Contributions</b>  Orphanage fee, attorney fees, court costs, birth certificate, passport, and any other costs related to providing adoption services in the child's country of origin, contributions to the child protection/child welfare service programs in the child's country of origin or in the United States.</p>	<p><b>\$500 - \$2,000</b></p>
<p><b>Travel Cost Estimate</b>  Travel expenses vary greatly depending on the location, duration, and number of trips. Applicants should budget for airfare, lodging, meals and ground transportation.</p>	<p><b>\$3,000 - \$10,000</b></p>

**Adoption Center of Illinois at Family Resource Center’s (ACI) Refund Policy**

Unless otherwise stated below, all fees paid to our agency are non-refundable.

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Phase I Fee for Domestic Programs and International Home Study Services

A portion of the Phase I fee may be refundable under the following circumstances:

A] If an application is withdrawn<sup>8</sup> *before* the initial application interview, \$4,600 (\$4,100 for alumni) of the Phase I fee is refundable. A refund check will be mailed within 60 days of a written request.

B] If an application is withdrawn *after* the initial application interview, \$2,500 (\$2,200 for alumni) of the Phase I fee will be refunded. A refund check will be mailed within 60 days of a written request.

C] There shall be no refund of the Phase I fee once the Home Study Worker is assigned

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TAP Program Phase III Placement Fee

The Placement fee paid by prospective adoptive parents will be fully refunded by ACI in the event the adoptive placement of the child is reversed prior to the finalization of the adoption, due to a successful legal challenge brought by a putative/biological father and the subsequent loss of custody of the child by the prospective adoptive parents. This refund will be made within 60 days after the return of the child to ACI.

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Agency-Assisted Placement Program “Expense Fund”

Any remaining funds in prospective adoptive parents’ Expenses Fund account will be refunded after a period of 60 days in which there is no account activity.

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Primary Provider Program Fees

All fees paid are non-refundable.

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<sup>8</sup> An application shall be considered “withdrawn” when prospective adoptive parents send an email to an ACI staff member indicating their desire to withdraw their application.