



PROGRAM OVERVIEW & FEE STRUCTURE

Adoption Center of Illinois at Family Resource Center Programs:

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 4 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 5 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 6 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 7 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 8 for program fees.

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING FEES

Adoption Center of Illinois offers fixed, transparent fees to help families plan. Each program section lists the services included in its fees. Please also review the following costs and conditions.

HOME STUDY UPDATES

Domestic home studies must be updated annually for a \$750 fee until placement occurs. International home studies must be updated before the prospective adoptive parent(s)' I-800A or I-600A approval expires if an I-800 or I-600 has not yet been filed for a specific child.

MILEAGE

Travel exceeding 200 miles round trip from ACI's office or nearest worker will incur a charge for each additional mile based on the current Internal Revenue Service mileage rate.

INTERNATIONAL HOME STUDY ONLY PROGRAM

Fees do not include Primary Provider Services.

THIRD-PARTY FEES

Placing agency and attorney fees are paid directly to those providers. International adoptions involve additional third-party costs, outlined on page 11.

REFUND POLICY

Because adoption outcomes cannot be guaranteed, all fees are non-refundable unless otherwise indicated. Details about our refund policy are provided on page 13.

All fees are subject to change.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

ACI offers two financial assistance programs. Eligibility and the way assistance is applied differ by program.

ADOPTION ACCESS PROGRAM

Applicants with household income under \$125,000 may qualify for a \$1,000 reduction in the Phase I fee through our Adoption Access Program. *Applicants must be utilizing ACI for their home study to qualify for this reduction.* Additional information on application process, eligibility, and next steps can be found [here](#).

TAP FAMILY-BASED FINANCIAL AID

This assistance applies only to ACI's Traditional Adoption Placement (TAP) Program. Families may apply within 60 days after submitting their ACI application and Phase I fee. Any award is credited toward the Phase III placement fee at the time of placement. Additional information can be found on the TAP [Family-Based Financial Aid Application](#).

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Financial resources outside ACI may also be available. We encourage families to learn about federal and state adoption tax credits and review the additional resources [here](#).

DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL HOME STUDY ONLY PROGRAM

PHASE I FEE

Services:

- o Application & Initial Interview
- o Home Study¹
- o Adoption Education and Training
- o Five Post Placements Visits/Reports for 1 child
- o Court Report

Fee due with Application:

Regular \$4,900

Alumni \$4,400

Reduced \$3,900*

PHASE II FEE

Services:

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

Fee due upon finalization of home study:
\$500

TOTAL

Regular
\$5,400

Alumni
\$4,900

Reduced
\$4,400*

**Reduced: Please see page 3 for additional information regarding our Adoption Access Program.*

International Home Study Only Program: Fees do not include Primary Provider Services. Participants will be responsible for payment of additional costs, expenses and fees payable predominately to the Primary Provider (PP).

¹ Domestic home studies must be updated annually for a \$750 fee. International home studies must be updated before the prospective adoptive parent(s)' I-800A or I-600A approval expires if an I-800 or I-600 has not yet been filed for a specific child. Fees apply.

TRADITIONAL ADOPTION PLACEMENT (TAP) PROGRAM

PHASE I FEE

Services:

- Application & Initial Interview
- Home Study¹
- Adoption Education and Training
- Five Post Placements Visits/ Reports for 1 child
- Court Report

Fee due with Application:

Regular \$4,900
Alumni \$4,400
Reduced \$3,900*

PHASE II FEE

Services:

- Expectant Parent (EP) outreach/advertising efforts
- Emergency response service – staff on call 24 hours per day
- Support/feedback in the creation of family profiles
- Expectant Parent Counselor services
- Family profile services on agency website
- Management and disbursement of expectant parent fund
- Coordination of post-placement communication plan

Fee due after acceptance into program:

\$6,500

PHASE III FEE

Fee due at the time of placement²:
 \$28,500

TOTAL

Regular
 \$39,900

Alumni
 \$39,400

Reduced*
 \$38,900

***Reduced:** Please see page 3 for additional information regarding our Adoption Access Program.

Family Based Financial Aid – TAP PROGRAM ONLY. Separate from the Adoption Access Program, the Board of Directors established the FBFA program to reduce financial barriers to adoption. 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](#).

¹ Domestic home studies must be updated annually for a \$750 fee until placement occurs.

² **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 PROGRAM (AAP)

Service: Initial meeting and assessment with expectant parent (if applicable)	\$400		
PHASE I FEE:			
Services: ○ Application & Initial Interview ○ Home Study¹ ○ Adoption Education and Training ○ Coordination and communication with home study agency, adoption attorney, and other adoption service providers ○ Prospective adoptive parent case management services ○ ICPC Coordination ○ Five Post Placements Visits/Reports for 1 child ○ Court Report	Fee due with Application: Regular: \$4,900 ACI Alumni Fee: \$4,400 Reduced: \$3,900* \$3,000 for applicants who are using another provider for home study services.		
PHASE II FEE:			
Expectant Parent Counseling Services: ○ Emergency response service – staff on call 24 hours per day ○ EP counseling services ○ Coordination of hospital plan ○ Management of EP Expense Fund ○ Coordination of post-placement communication plan between APs and EPs	Fees due with AAP Agreement: EP Counseling Services: \$3,000 EP Expense Fund: \$3,000 Total Phase II: \$6,000		
Expectant Parent Expense Fund: ACI manages and disburses these funds for pre-approved expenses, such as living, medical, and transportation costs. ○ Additional funds may be requested if expenses exceed this amount. ○ Unused funds will be refunded.			
TOTAL	Regular: \$10,900	Alumni: \$10,400	Reduced* \$9,900
\$9,000 for applicants with current Home Study			

***Reduced:** Please see page 3 for additional information regarding our Adoption Access Program.

¹ Domestic home studies must be updated annually for a \$750 fee until placement occurs.

WAITING CHILD SERVICES (WCS) PROGRAM

PHASE I FEE

Services: ○ Application & Initial Interview ○ Home Study¹ ○ Adoption Education and Training ○ Post Placements Visits/Reports ○ Court Report	Fee due with application: Regular: \$4,900 Alumni: \$4,400 Reduced: \$3,900*
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PHASE II FEE

Services: ○ Pre-placement matching assistance ○ Obtaining information about available children ○ Coordinating process with the sending state ○ Child Specific Home Study ○ Identifying and locating services that may be needed (i.e., counseling, psychologists) ○ ICPC Coordination (Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children) ○ Ongoing support and case management	Fee due after acceptance into program: \$3,000		
TOTAL:	Regular: \$7,900	Alumni: \$7,400	Reduced* \$6,900

***Reduced:** Please see page 3 for additional information regarding our Adoption Access Program.

¹ Home Study Update Requirements: All domestic home studies must be updated annually for a \$750 fee until placement occurs.

INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY PROVIDER

DOCUMENT REVIEW / CONSULTATION

Services:

After we respond to your initial questions by email, we will review your adoption documents. If the documents appear to be in order, we will invite you to apply for Primary Provider Services and submit the Phase I fee.

NOTE: If the document review process has not progressed within 12 months of your initial contact due to a lack of communication or failure to submit required documentation, we will close your file. You may restart the process by submitting newly scanned documentation and paying 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 communication with other adoption service providers, in-country attorneys and governmental authorities
- 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.

NOTE: 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).

Fee due with application:

\$3,100

PHASE II

Services:

- Review of 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:

\$3,100

Total Fee for One Child: \$6,450

ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL FEES

- If a "Request for Evidence" (RFE), "Notice of Intent to Deny" (NOID), and/or "Notice of Denial" (NOD) 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 the home study agency requires a Home Study Update in accordance with their state regulations.

Home Study Update/Addendum Review

Fee: \$250

An expedited fee may be assessed when services for new Participants require completion, filing, or submission within sixty (60) calendar days of their initial engagement with FRC. This fee applies when expedited processing is necessary to accommodate urgent timelines, including, but not limited to, the preparation and filing of Forms I-600A and I-600, responses to Requests for Evidence, Notices of Intent to Deny, Notices of Denial, USCIS or governmental deadlines, home study reviews required for immigration filings, adoption-related immigration matters, or other time-sensitive services requiring priority handling.

Expedited Fee (if applicable)

Fee: \$500

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Service	Fee
Expedited Fee (For emergencies only): 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>	\$900
Home Study Update: - Domestic home studies must be updated annually until placement occurs - International home studies must be updated prior to the I800A/I600A expiring (if an I800/I600 has not been filed for a specific child) - When Home Studies are converted from one program to another (i.e. Domestic to International, China to Colombia, Domestic to Waiting Child Services) - When prospective adoptive parents move to a new address, there is a change in the number of household members, etc.	\$750
Reactivation Fee: 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.	\$1,500
Additional Post Placement Visits/Reports: - Phase I fee includes five post-placement visits/reports for 1 child. Additional posts will be charged a fee of \$400 per visit/report - A fee of \$100 will be charged for each additional child per visit if posts are conducted concurrently	\$400
	\$100
Court Report: Fee applies only in situations when ACI did not complete the Home Study	\$500
Mileage: Travel beyond 200 miles round trip from ACI's office or nearest worker will incur a charge for each additional mile, based on the current IRS mileage rate.	Current IRS rate
Environmental/Safety Assessment: A court ordered assessment for visitation or custody of a biological child residing out of state. 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.	\$1,500
International Hosting Study: Assessment and report. Fee will be applied to Home Study Only Program fee if continuing with International Home Study Services	\$2,200
Embryo Home Study: 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 can be applied to the current Phase I fee.	\$2,600

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
Illinois State and FBI Fingerprinting	\$61.20 each	At fingerprinting site
State Child Abuse Checks	\$0-\$30 each <i>Varies by State</i>	Submission of child abuse check request
Documents: (birth certificate, marriage license, divorce decree, employment verifications, etc.)	Varies	Upon request for document from issuing entity
Medical Exam	Varies	At medical visit

The following are examples of common third-party expenses that may be incurred during the adoption process. All fees described in this Agreement are estimates unless specifically stated otherwise. Third-party fees are determined by the service provider and may change without notice. Participants are solely responsible for third-party costs incurred on their behalf. Participants acknowledge that fees charged by governmental entities, foreign providers, attorneys, translators, courier services, medical providers, and other third parties are outside ACI's control and may change without notice. ACI will make reasonable efforts to notify Participants of significant anticipated increases before additional expenses are incurred whenever practicable.

THIRD PARTY FEES FOR INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION

Service	Amount
US Passport (For applicants without current US passport): Fees are established by the US Department of State and vary depending on the type of passport requested	\$130/person
USCIS Filing Fees/Biometrics: Forms I-600A/I-800A and or I-600/I-800	\$920
Supplement 3 Request for Action on Approved Form I-600A/I-800A	\$455
Pre-adoption Medical Review of Child Referral: 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.	\$250 - 800 (varies by reviewer)
Document Translation/Interpretation Services: Translating, interpreting, copying, certifying, notarizing, or obtaining documents required for the adoption process.	\$50-100 per hour 15-30 cents/word
Shipping: Courier, shipping, and mailing fees	\$50 – 500
Child Expenses in-Country: Clothing, food, shelter, medical care, foster care services, orphanage care, and any other services provided directly to the child.	\$300 – 800/month (estimate)
Child Medical Examination in-Country: Required immigration medical examination, including additional testing, specialist evaluations, immunizations, when necessary.	\$150 – 500 (estimate)
Immigrant Visa interview and processing fee	\$325
International Re-Adoption: Participants are recommended and/or required to re-adopt their child after the child's arrival in US. Recognition and validation of the adoption is subject to the laws of the parents' state of residence. Review the Child Information Gateway for further information.	\$100 – 2,500 (varies by state)
In-Country Adoption Fees Including Required Contributions: May include attorney fees, court costs, government processing fees, document procurement, passport issuance, birth certificates, translations, required child welfare contributions permitted by law, foster care or orphanage fees, and other country-specific expenses.	\$500 – 2,000
Estimated Travel Costs: Costs for airfare, lodging, meals, local transportation, visas, and other travel needs vary by destination and season.	\$3,000 – 15,000

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

Unless otherwise stated below, all fees paid to ACI are non-refundable. Refunds will be issued within 60 days of ACI's receipt of a written withdrawal and refund request.

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. Withdrawal Before the Initial Application Interview

If an applicant withdraws before the initial application interview, the following portion of the Phase I fee will be refunded:

- Regular Application: \$4,600
- Alumni Application: \$4,100
- Reduced Fee Application: \$3,600

B. Withdrawal After the Initial Application Interview

If an applicant withdraws after the initial application interview but before a Home Study Worker is assigned, the following portion of the Phase I fee will be refunded:

- Regular Application: \$2,500
- Alumni Application: \$2,200
- Reduced Fee Application: \$1,900

C. No portion of the Phase I fee will be refunded once a Home Study Worker has been assigned.

TAP Program Phase III Placement Fee

The Phase III Placement Fee will be fully refunded if an adoptive placement is disrupted prior to adoption finalization as the result of a successful legal challenge by a putative or biological father that results in the prospective adoptive parents losing custody of the child.

Agency-Assisted Placement Program Expense Fund

ACI will initiate a refund of any remaining balance in the Expense Fund after 60 days have passed with no account activity and no anticipated expenses. All other Agency-Assisted Placement Program fees are non-refundable.

Primary Provider Program Fees

All fees paid are non-refundable.