



# Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois

## Program Fees for Adoption of a U.S. Waiting Child

The following is a breakdown of the fees and payment expectations for the adoption home study and post-placement services for the adoption of a U.S. waiting child.

**Application Fee (non-refundable) \$350.00**

**Home Preparation Study \$3000.00**

\$500 is due at the first interview, one half (\$1250) is due at the second interview and the remainder (\$1250) is due at the final interview.

After a home study has been completed, any significant changes in the prospective adoptive family’s situation or in the recommendation for the type of child to be adopted will require a home study update. Home studies need to be updated annually. The charge for a home study update is \$500. After a child is placed in the home, the home study or update is no longer valid.

### Case Management Fee

An hourly case management fee of \$100 will be charged for agency time to consult with custodial agencies, when waiting child referrals are under consideration, to submit required documents, and for all time associated with documents and contracts when placement of specific waiting child has been approved and accepted.

### Post-placement Fees

- Fees for post-placement visits and reports are generally paid by the child’s custodial agency per a specific contract negotiated with Lutheran Child and Family Services.
- In placements where adoptive parents are responsible for post-placement fees, a \$400 fee per post-placement visit will be charged. There will be additional fees for sibling placements.

The number of visits is determined by state, agency, and/or court requirements. Post-placement for siblings or twins requiring separately written reports will be charged at \$600 per visit. Post-placement fees include any required final report to the court.

There will be a surcharge of \$100 to cover additional mileage and travel time for home studies, home study updates and post-placement visits if the client’s home is in excess of 150 miles round trip for the agency.

### All fees must be paid prior to finalization of adoption

*\*Fees are subject to change. Clients will need to pay fees that are current at the time of service delivery.*

We have read and understood the above fee agreement with Lutheran Child and Family Services and by virtue of signature agree to the stated terms.

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Client

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