Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois

INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION PROGRAM FEES

The following are the fees and payment expectations for the adoption home study and post-placement/post-adoption services for an international adoption.

Application Fee (Non-refundable) **$ 350.00**

Home Preparation Study **$3,200.00**
One half ($1600) is due at the first interview; the remainder ($1600) is due at the final interview.

After the home study has been finalized and released, any significant changes in the prospective adoptive family's situation or in the recommendation for the type of child to be adopted will require an updated home study. This is also required when USCIS I600A or I800A approval expires or the International Placement Agency requires an update. The charge for an in-process home study update is **$800**. Once a child is placed in the home, the home study/updates are no longer current and cannot be submitted for a subsequent adoption.

Each prospective adoptive parent is required to obtain international adoption training and CPR training, which is estimated to cost around $200 per person. The cost varies with the number of hours of training required by the country and the fees charged by the particular training resource. There are additional expenses related to any international adoption including fees to obtain criminal and child abuse clearances, fees paid to the International Placement Agency, fees related to obtaining the child's visa paid to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service, and expenses associated with travel to the foreign country.

Post-placement/post-adoption visits/reports must be paid at the time of service delivery. The fee for each visit/report is $400 per child. LCFS requires a visit at one month after returning home. The total number of visits will be determined by LCFS and/or the International Placement Agency and/or country requirement. Post-placement fees include a report to the court to finalize an adoption in the US. The court report for re-adoption in the US is included if done within 6 months of the most recent post-adoption visit.

There will be a surcharge of $150 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 from the agency's adoption offices (Oak Brook, Springfield or Belleville).

Fees are subject to change. Clients will be charged fees that are current at the time of service delivery.

LCFS is an exempt or supervised agency for international adoption. After the home study is written (the home study fee must be paid in full), the home study will be submitted to the International Placement Agency for approval. After it is approved, LCFS will provide copies of the home study and the approval letter to the clients to enable them or their International Placement Agency to seek USCIS approval and submit a dossier if applicable.

I/We have read and understood the above fee agreement with Lutheran Child and Family Services. Acceptance of this agreement is evidenced by signature.

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Client Client

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Date