LUTHERAN CHILD & 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 **$3200.00**

$500 is due at the first interview, one half ($1350) is due at the second interview, the remainder ($1350) 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 After a child is placed in the home, the home study or update is no longer valid.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 initial case management fee of $500 will be charged for agency time to consult with custodial agencies, when waiting child referrals are under consideration and to submit preliminary documents. An additional case management fee of $500 will be charged to for submission of additional required documents and to negotiate the contract for placement once a 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 will be charged at $600 per visit. Post-placement fees include any required final report to the court.

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).

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.*

I/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 **Client**

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Sept. 2019 **Date**