

INFANT ADOPTION



We can help you build your family through infant adoption. In addition to assisting with your required education and home study, we can offer profile and outreach services. Through collaboration with our Minnesota office, your adoption profile will be made visible to expectant parents throughout the U.S. via our website and to pregnancy service clients exploring adoption in Minnesota.

Adoptive Families

We welcome all families regardless of race, religion, marital status or sexual orientation. Adoptive parents must be at least 25 years of age with no more than 50 years between the younger parent and the child. Exceptions made case-by-case.

Profile Services

Adoptive families may choose to join our Profile Service as part of their outreach efforts, as space is available. Families may also place their profile on the CH/LSS website. To view waiting families, please visit: chlss.org/waitingfamilies.

Open Adoption

Open adoptions are created by birth families and adoptive families with the best interest of the child at heart. Through open adoption, birth and adoptive families work together to plan a relationship that goes beyond the placement of their child; this relationship is ongoing and involves varying degrees of direct contact with each other. Through openness, children grow up without secrets and with information about their birth family.

When birth parents select you, whether through agency profiles or personal outreach, the next step is a match meeting which provides an opportunity to get together in person prior to committing to a match. If the match is agreed upon, we assist birth parents and adoptive parents in creating an adoption plan and helping plan for the child's birth.

You can receive ongoing support and assistance in building a relationship with the child's birth family, both during the pregnancy and beyond. Because adoption is a lifelong journey, families also have the opportunity to participate in ongoing education, support and referral services through our post adoption services.

Get Started!

Speak to our staff about your program options: 888.904.2229 or inquire@chlss.org.

Attend a free information meeting online or in person: chlss.org/events.

Determine your eligibility: chlss.org/getstarted.



chlss.org/infant



Children's
Home Society
of Minnesota



Lutheran
Social Service
of Minnesota

Fee Schedule: Maryland and Virginia Infant Adoption

AGENCY FEES	PAYMENT TERMS	TRADITIONAL PROGRAM	DESIGNATED PROGRAM
Designated Services are those provided to families who have either already identified expectant parents with whom to they intend to create an adoption plan or those who choose to utilize other forms of outreach to connect with an adoptive expectant parent outside of CH/LSS's family profile service.			
APPLICATION Establishing file and securing documentation	Due with completed application.	\$500	\$500
PREADoption EDUCATION Agency led workshop. All families must also complete additional online training.	Due prior to attendance.	\$325/couple \$250/single	\$325/couple \$250/single
HOME STUDY Required interviews, home visit(s), family assessment and preparation of written document in accordance with state laws.	Due at start of home study.	\$2,000-4,400	\$2,000-4,400
ANNUAL HOME STUDY UPDATE Required annual update(s) of home study and background clearances. May also be required as a result of major life events on a case-by-case basis.	If applicable, due prior to home study update meeting.	\$500	\$500
INFANT ADOPTION PROGRAM Support and guidance through the adoption process including outreach opportunities, agency/attorney coordination, ICPC compliance, staff support, blog, events and support groups.	Due at home study approval.	\$4,800	n/a
FAMILY PROFILE SERVICE Placement in the Family Profile Book and CH/LSS website used for expectant parent selection. Covers ongoing education, social media exposure, facilitation of match meeting/relationships with birth parents, cooperative adoption agreements and placement planning.	If applicable, due prior to placement in the Family Profile Book and website.	\$4,000	n/a
POST PLACEMENT SUPERVISION Supervision of child placement and up to three visits/reports, individualized planning for ICPC compliance, outside agency requirements. Assistance with court finalization process.	Due at time of placement.	\$1,500 VA only: \$400 for VA court reports	\$1,500 VA only: \$400 for VA court reports
ADDITIONAL POST PLACEMENT VISITS/REPORTS When necessary to complete ICPC, out of state or outside agency requirements. Fees not in total below.	If applicable, due at initiation of additional post placement reports.	\$350/report	\$350/report
TOTAL AGENCY FEES (based on education fees for two people)		\$13,625-16,025	\$4,825-7,225

BIRTH PARENT SERVICE FEES	PAYMENT TERMS	FEE
BIRTH PARENT SERVICES Includes adoption education, anticipatory grief counseling, facilitation of adoptive parent meetings, adoption consent, support, referral and post placement counseling.	Applicable if matching with a birth parent in Minnesota who is being assisted by CH/LSS. If applicable, due at time of placement. In the event of a reclaim, half the birth parent services expense is refundable.	\$10,000
BRIDGE CARE FOSTER SERVICES Applicable if the child was cared for in a CH/LSS Bridge Care foster home prior to placement.	If applicable, due at time of placement.	\$1,500
TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS (TPR) Applicable if TPR processing is required; covers expense of agency attorney and court filing fees. Note: does not cover costs incurred from obtaining independent legal counsel.	If applicable, due at initiation of court termination of parental rights.	\$1,500

BIRTH PARENT FEE RANGE	\$10,000-13,000
-------------------------------	------------------------

THIRD PARTY FEES	PAYMENT TERMS	ITEM	FEE
These are estimated third party fees for services required in order to complete the adoption process.	All third party fees are paid directly to the provider at time of service.	Additional Preadoption Education	\$175/household
Note: this does not include travel, attorney or outside agency fees which may apply.	Adoption finalization fees vary by state.	Annual State Background Check	\$70
		Adoption Finalization	\$1,500-5,000

This is a good faith estimate of charges deemed reliable as of January 1, 2018. The payment of fees for services rendered does not guarantee the placement of a child. All fees, timelines and program requirements are subject to change. All fees are non-refundable once the service has been provided. Clients will be charged only those fees for which they have been contracted. Agency fees will be honored at the rate that is current when the fee agreement is received by CH/LSS. Other third-party fees and costs that apply may not be listed.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS: Credit cards may be used for all adoption fees, but a processing fee of 2.75% will be charged for VISA, MasterCard and Discover and a 3.5% fee will be charged for American Express. Money order or personal checks are always welcome.