



Home Study & Post-Placement/Post-Adoption Services

COST ESTIMATE DISCLOSURE Effective December 1, 2022

APPLICATION & HOME STUDY SERVICES	PAID TO	FEE TYPE	HOME STUDY & PRIMARY PROVIDER
Application Part 1 Due with completed Application Part 1.	Children's Home	U.S. Expenses	FREE
Application Part 2 Due with completed Application Part 2. Waived for families returning within 4 years of previous CH/LSS adoption service.	Children's Home	U.S. Expenses	\$500
Pre-Adoption Education Due with completed Application Part 2.	Children's Home	Home Study	\$250/person
Agency Fee – Home Study & Post-Placement Services Only Due with completed Application Part 2.	Children's Home	U.S. Expenses	\$1,250
Home Study Due prior to start of home study. Fee reduced to \$1,900 for families returning within 4 years of previous CH/LSS home study service.	Children's Home	Home Study	\$2,900
Home Study Update (if needed, per update) Due prior to start of home study update.	Children's Home	Home Study	\$900

ADOPTION PROGRAM SERVICES	PAID TO	FEE TYPE	HOME STUDY & PRIMARY PROVIDER
Post Adoption Supervision Due upon acceptance of child referral. Includes supervision of the child placement and up to 3 visits/reports.	Children's Home	Post-Placement/ Post-Adoption Reports	\$1,500
Additional Post Adoption Visits/Reports Due upon acceptance of child referral. Supplemental visits/reports to meet agency, state, country and/or Primary Provider requirements (number varies based on country program and Primary Provider selected). -- VA court report \$400 plus \$250 each sibling adopted at same time	Children's Home	Post-Placement/ Post-Adoption Reports	* \$350 per visit/report

CHILDREN'S HOME AGENCY FEES: Agency fees reflect a portion of the general overhead costs of personnel, administrative and operational expenses, state/federal/international licensing and accreditation and the work completed in the U.S. on your behalf. Services include program administration, case management and support and coordination with Primary Provider. Country program fees are not included in this estimate and are determined solely by the Primary Provider.

MD & VA RESIDENTS please contact us for fees applied to all trips more than 120 miles round trip in distance from our offices (U.S. Expenses).

ESTIMATED THIRD PARTY FEES	PAID TO	FEE TYPE	ESTIMATED COST
State Background Check(s)	Varies	Third Party	varies by state
Psychological Evaluation (if applicable)	Psychologist	Third Party	\$500 - 2,000
Document Preparation Fee	Varies	Third Party	varies by country
USCIS Petition (I-800A)	USCIS	Third Party	\$775
USCIS Biometrics/Fingerprinting (per person)	USCIS	Third Party	\$85
Pre-Adoption Medical Review of Child Information	Physician/Therapists	Third Party	\$400 - 800
Child's Visa, Visa Medical Exam & Passport Fees	U.S. Embassy/Panel Physician/Passport Agency	Third Party	varies by country
Airfare, Lodging, Meals & Transportation ¹	Varies	Third Party - Travel	varies by country
Re-Adoption/Finalization	Attorney/State/County Government	Third Party	varies by state

ESTIMATED TOTALS AT-A-GLANCE	
Home Study Related Fees	\$3,400 - 4,800
U.S. Expenses	Determined by Primary Provider
Foreign Country Program Expenses	Determined by Primary Provider
Care of the Child	Determined by Primary Provider
Translation and Documents	Determined by Primary Provider
Contributions	Determined by Primary Provider
Post-Placement/Post-Adoption Reports	\$1,500 - 6,000
Third Party Fees - General	Determined by Primary Provider
Third Party Fees – Travel	Determined by Primary Provider
Travel & Accommodations (paid to CH)	0

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST:

The total cost to adopt from the country program of another agency varies greatly by agency and/or country program of choice. Airfare, lodging and other fees associated with travel can vary greatly depending on current airfare rates, family size, length of stay, lodging preferences, and/or seasonality and availability). Please consult with your Primary Provider for the most accurate determination of fees.

MAKING ADOPTION AFFORDABLE: We encourage you to explore the many resources available to help make adoption affordable! Visit our website to learn more about these options and the Adoption Tax Credit at: chlss.org/finance.

PAYMENT OF FEES: Payment of fees for services rendered does not guarantee the placement of a child. All fees, timelines and program requirements are subject to change. Agency fees will be honored at the rate current when the signed Fee Agreement is received by Children's Home. Country program fees will be billed at the rate in effect at the time the fee is due. Fee increases in excess of \$1,000 will be made in writing. Program changes may be subject to additional fees. Payment is due in full according to stated timelines. Late payments may result in the delay or cancellation of services. Fees not paid within 90 days of invoice date may incur a 2.5% late fee and referral for collection.

- **Payment by Check**

Cash, money orders or personal checks are always welcome. Please make checks payable to Children's Home Society of Minnesota.

- **Payment by Credit Card or Electronic Bank Transfer**

Credit cards or electronic bank transfers may be used to pay for all adoption fees. Please note we do not accept American Express. To make a payment with credit card or electronic bank transfer, please visit our payment portal at <https://bit.ly/3v1RXIC>.

FEE REDUCTIONS, WAIVERS & REFUNDS: All fees are non-refundable unless otherwise noted. Children's Home may reduce, waive or refund fees when: 1) deemed by Children's Home to be in the best interest of the child; 2) requested by clients due to hardship; or 3) when paid for services which were not completed. All refunds will be processed within sixty (60) days after the request has been approved and the signed agreement has been returned to the agency.