



Home Study & Post-Placement/Post-Adoption Services

COST ESTIMATE DISCLOSURE Effective May 1, 2026

| APPLICATION & HOME STUDY SERVICES | PAID TO | FEE TYPE | CHILDREN'S HOME PROVIDES HOME STUDY & POST-PLACEMENT/POST-ADOPTION SERVICES |
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| Application Part 1 | Children's Home | U.S. Expenses | FREE |
| Application Part 2 Due with Application Part 2. Waived for families returning within 4 years of previous Children's Home adoption service. | Children's Home | U.S. Expenses | \$500 |
| Pre-Adoption Education Due with Application Part 2. Includes Children's Home required Pre-Adoption Education Classes (PAC), Trauma-Informed Parenting Webinars and access to the Creating a Family® training library. May be waived if previously completed within last 4 years. | Children's Home | Home Study | \$250/person |
| Agency Fee 1 Due when Application Part 2 complete. Not applicable to families seeking Post-Placement/Post-Adoption services only. | Children's Home | Foreign Program, U.S. Expenses | \$0 - 1,500 |
| Home Study Assessment Due prior to first visit. Fee reduced to \$1,900 for families returning within 4 years of previous Children's Home home study service. If using a Service Provider other than Children's Home, fees and payment terms are determined by the individual Service Provider. Additional background clearances may be required and are paid separately to Third Party, as applicable. | Children's Home or Service Provider | Home Study | \$2,900 |
| Home Study Update Due before home study update begins (if needed, per update). If using a Service Provider other than Children's Home, fees and payment terms are determined by the individual Service Provider. | Children's Home or Service Provider | Home Study | \$900 |

| POST-PLACEMENT/POST-ADOPTION SERVICES | PAID TO | FEE TYPE | CHILDREN'S HOME PROVIDES HOME STUDY & POST-PLACEMENT/POST-ADOPTION SERVICES |
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| Post-Placement/Post-Adoption Supervision Due upon acceptance of child referral. Includes supervision of the child placement and up to 3 visits/reports. Additional \$200 per additional child per visit/report when adopting siblings. | Children's Home | Post-Placement/Post-Adoption Reports | \$1,500 |
| Additional Post-Placement/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). Additional \$200 per additional child per visit/report when adopting siblings. Additional mailing fees may apply if Children's Home is responsible to submit reports directly country's central adoption authority. | Children's Home | Post-Placement/Post-Adoption Reports | \$350 per visit/report |

| ESTIMATED THIRD PARTY FEES | PAID TO | FEE TYPE | ESTIMATED COST |
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| State Background Check(s) | Varies | Third Party | \$15 - \$100 |
| Psychological Evaluation | Licensed Psychologist | Third Party | \$250 - 2,000 |
| Additional Adoption Education Classes, if required | Education Provider | Third Party | \$0 - 300 |
| Document Preparation Fee | Varies | Third Party | \$400 - 800 |
| USCIS Petition (I-800A) initial filing | USCIS | Third Party | \$920 |
| Pre-Adoption Medical Review of Child Information | Physician/Therapists | Third Party | \$250 - 1,000 |
| Child's Visa, Visa Medical Exam & Passport Fees | U.S. Embassy/Panel Physician/Passport Agency | Third Party | Determined by Program/Primary Provider* |
| Airfare, Lodging, Meals & Transportation | Varies | Third Party - Travel | Determined by Program/Primary Provider* |
| U.S. Finalization Services | Attorney/Local Court | Third Party | \$0 - 2,000 |

* Third Party Fees are determined by the Primary Provider and vary greatly by country program. Listed above are some of the common fees that are incurred by most families regardless of the country program or individual adoption service provider.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT:

Home visits in excess of 160 miles roundtrip are subject to an additional billing per current GSA per diem rates ([gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates](https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates)) (maximum \$200 fee per visit). These fees are non-refundable once visit has occurred.

SERVICES NOT PROVIDED BY CHILDREN'S HOME: Fees and payment terms for services not provided by Children's Home are determined by the individual Service Provider. An estimate of the usual costs associated with these services is provided here. Please confirm specific rates with your Service Provider.

| ESTIMATED TOTALS AT-A-GLANCE | |
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| Home Study Related Fees | \$2,400 - 6,150 |
| U.S. Expenses | Determined by Primary Provider |
| Foreign Country Program | 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 - 3,250 |
| Third Party - General | Determined by Primary Provider |
| Third Party - Travel & Accommodations | Determined by Primary Provider |
| Travel & Accommodations (paid to Children's Home) | \$0 |

The total cost to adopt from the country program of another agency varies greatly by agency and/or country program of choice. Airfare, lodging, meals, transportation costs and other fees associated with travel can vary greatly depending on current airfare rates, family size, length of stay, lodging preferences, and seasonality. Estimated totals are based on the adoption of 1 child and fees for 2 adoptive parents.

MAKING ADOPTION AFFORDABLE

Children's Home believes fees should not be a barrier for the placement of children into loving families. Families from all economic situations can tap into a variety of resources and strategies to help offset the cost of adoption. We strongly 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: chls.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. All fees are billed at the rate that is current at the time of billing. Children's Home may increase fees if adoption expenses in the foreign country increase substantially after time of application. 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.

- **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>.

- **Grants or Financial Assistance**

Payment is due in full from the AP according to stated timelines. In the event Children's Home receives grant funding or other financial assistance directly on AP's behalf after fees have already been paid, Children's Home will then provide reimbursement to AP within thirty (30) days of receipt of the financial assistance, provided such refunds do not violate the terms of the grant organization and there are no remaining service fees to be paid.

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 of the completion of the delivery of services.