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ADOPTION FEE SCHEDULE

Effective beginning July 2025

PRE-PLACEMENT SERVICES	FEES/ DUE	EXPLANATION
Adoption Information Session	**No Charge**	Family Options offers free, private informational sessions to all prospective clients.
Home Study	**$1,700** Due with submission of required paperwork	All hopeful adoptive parents are required to have a Home Study completed by a licensed, nonprofit adoption agency in NJ, prior to being placed with a child. Includes: Application fee, CHRI, CARI (child abuse registry check), home visit, educational component(s) *Ready, Get Set, Grow!* workshop (mandatory) and *Family Diversity* workshop (if applicable)
Expedited Home Study/Home Study Update Report	**$300** Due when home study visit is scheduled	Home Studies and Updates will only be expedited as necessary.
Home Study Update	**$1,000** Due with submission of paperwork	Per NJ regulations, a Home Study Update is required annually until the successful placement of a child in your home. Includes: home visit, CHRI, CARI (child abuse check)
Adoption Complaint Investigation – Court Report *Report for second child	**$850** Due with submission of required paperwork ***$400**	An ACI is only applicable in some cases. Includes: home visit, CHRI, CARI (child abuse check)
Portfolio Program	**$2,000** Due with submission of paperwork	You must be part of our portfolio program in order to be considered for expectant/birth parent matches. Includes: Consultation, Website Profile, Video, Social Media Management, Advertising and Marketing

PLACEMENT SERVICES (For placements made through Family Options)		
Placement Retainer (non-refundable) **Applicable for Direct or Identified Placements.*	**$2,500** Due upon match with expectant/ birth parents	This fee includes, but is not limited to: • Ongoing support and counseling services to expectant/birth parents throughout the adoption process. • Conducting a match meeting between hopeful adoptive parents and expectant/birth parents. • Facilitating ongoing communication. • Back-end requirements such as administrative fees, caseworker mileage, etc.
Direct Adoption Placement	**$22,000** Billed 6 weeks before placement occurs; due no later than time of placement	The Placement Fee covers the total costs anticipated with an adoption placement. This fee includes, but is not limited to: • Unlimited pre- and post-placement counseling to expectant parents and birth parents. • Coordinating prenatal care, if necessary. • Collecting ongoing medical information. • Communicating with hospital staff. • Advocating for expectant/ birth parents. • Visit parent(s) at the hospital. • Discharging baby from the hospital. • Transfer custody of the baby to the hopeful adoptive parents. • Prepare, coordinate, present, and obtain surrender documentation to comply with NJ law. • Write a social summary in accordance with NJ regulations. • Assume and retain legal custody of the child until the adoption is finalized. • Ongoing support to birth and adoptive families. *Placement fees are refundable if placement disrupts, minus $200 per hour for time spent on the case.
Identified Adoption Placement	**$15,000** Billed 6 weeks before placement occurs; due no later than time of placement	
POST PLACEMENT SERVICES		
Post-Placement Supervisory Reports	**$400 each** Due upon placement	NJ requires 4 Supervisory Reports.
Court Reports	**$400 each** Due upon placement	One or two court reports will be required, depending on specific circumstances.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES		
Addendum *(with or w/o home visit)*	**$250** w/out home visit **$300** with home visit Due at time of service	Should you need to update/add to your home study before it is due to expire, an addendum is required.
Other Agency Home Study Review	**$150** Due with submission of paperwork	We charge a home study review fee if you have a home study completed by another agency but wish to come into portfolio with us.
Birth Father Search	**VARIES** (estimated between $150-$250) Due at time of service	This fee is incurred if a due-diligence search is required or if the agency must hire a process server to locate a biological father.
Interstate Compact (ICPC)	**$1,000** Due at time of placement	ICPC is required if a child is adopted from a state other than your own. This fee includes the preparation and submission of ICPC packet.
Interim Care	**$350 per day** Due at time of placement	This fee is to reimburse a licensed Interim Care Family through Family Options. This fee does not include baby supplies and doctors' visits.
Translation Services	**VARIES** Due at time of service	If applicable.
Subsidy Application	**$500** Due at time of service	Preparation and submittal of a subsidy application, if applicable.
Medical Records	**VARIES** Due upon invoice	This fee is incurred if the agency is charged to secure medical records from a clinic, hospital, or doctor's office.
Securing Medicaid	**$200** Due at time of service	This fee is incurred if Family Options must secure Medicaid coverage to an expectant mother, birth mother, and/or baby.
Counseling sessions – Post Placement	**$85/hr.** Due at time of service	We are happy to offer post-placement counseling services to all who are impacted by adoption, both adults and children.
Options Counseling Sessions	**$500 each** Due at time of service	This fee is incurred only for attorney-represented birth parents; Private (non-agency) Placements. This fee includes initial intake meeting.