



### ***Adoption Program Fees***

There is a range of programs available to adoptive parents that may enable families at most economic levels to participate in an adoption. FamilyCore is deeply committed to helping children and families come together to provide permanence for children. We understand the great costs of parenting and work to balance that reality with our desire to provide effective and comprehensive counseling and adoption services to all clients.

There are no fees assessed to families when a child is adopted through the foster care system. FamilyCore provides this service and we are happy to discuss your interest in foster parenting. Those considering foster parenting must understand that the goal of foster parenting is to provide care to a child while the problems that brought the child into care initially are resolved. The overriding goal of this program is to return a child home, whenever possible. There are times when the court determines that returning home is not in the best interests of the child, and an adoption is identified as the best option for providing permanence for the child. In this case, there are no adoption fees. Please contact the agency at 309 676-2400 if you would like more information on this program.

The other adoption programs include international, domestic, and embryo adoption. These programs are dependent on client fees that have been set to maintain the support components that enable the agency to maintain the program. These fees and schedules are described here:

***Home Study Fee for International Program*** is \$2,200, half paid at the start of the process and half paid upon completion of the home study and issuance of license. No fees are refundable, but the second payment is not billed if the home study cannot be completed. Pre-adoption training is required during the home study process and the fee for this 12 hour course is \$300. Updated home studies are \$2,000 for subsequent adoptions. If home study updates or amendments are required for original home study to maintain compliance (i.e. USCIS), the agency may assess a non-refundable fee of \$250 to be paid when report is complete. Post placement reports, post adoption reports, and Reports of Investigation are \$250 each, non-refundable, and payable at the time the report is completed. In the event a family adopts more than one child at one time, the fees will be as follows: \$250 for the first child's report and \$200 for each additional child's report. The number of post-placement reports required depends on the country from which the child is adopted; please check with agency staff for current information.

***Home Study Fee for Infant Program*** is \$2,500, half paid at the start of the process and half paid upon completion of the home study and issuance of license. No fees are

refundable, but the second payment is not billed if the home study cannot be completed. Updated home studies are \$2,000 for subsequent adoptions. If updates are required for original adoption to maintain compliance (i.e. interstate adoptions), the agency may assess a non-refundable fee of \$250 to be paid when report is complete. Post-placement reports and Reports of Investigation are \$250 each and payable at the time the report is completed. In the event a family adopts more than one child at one time, the fees will be as follows: \$250 for the first child's post placement report and \$200 for each additional child's post placement report. The number of Post-placement reports required depends on the type of adoption completed; please check with agency staff for current information.

***Home Study Fee for Embryo Adoption Program*** is \$2,500, half paid at the start of the process and half paid upon completion of the home study. No fees are refundable, but the second payment is not billed if the home study cannot be completed. Updated home studies are \$2,000 for subsequent adoptions. If updates are required for original adoption to maintain compliance when the home study has expired, then the agency will assess a non-refundable fee of \$250 to be paid when report is complete. Post placement reports are payable at the time the report is completed. FamilyCore requires a minimum of one post placement report for embryo adoptions, though more reports may be required by the family's specific embryo adoption agency.

***Interstate Fees*** are \$2,500. This fee includes agency review of home study; taking Illinois surrender and guardianship until finalization, Affidavit of Identification, Adoption Registry, ICPC 100A-B, Agency Consent, baby's medical records; and facilitating contact between birth and adoptive families. \$2,000 is payable to initiate process and is non-refundable and \$500 is payable following placement, also non-refundable.

***Infant Adoption Program Placement Fees*** are based on a sliding scale ranging from \$8,000 to \$15,000. This fee is payable within 30 days of an adoptive placement and is not refundable. This fee is separate from the home study fee and is assessed to a client when the agency assumes guardianship of a child for adoptive purposes. This fee includes counseling to the birth parent(s), securing surrenders of parental rights, completing all paperwork to finalize the adoption in court, as well as all correspondence throughout the placement. Families are responsible for court costs and legal fees for finalization of the adoption and may be responsible for birth related medical expenses for mother and child. Every effort is made to secure medical coverage through insurance, or local, state or federal coverage. When adoptive families wish to have their profile placed on FamilyCore website for greater reach to prospective birth parents, FamilyCore will do so for a one-time fee of \$85. The online profile can remain active through the time an adoptive family is matched with a prospective birth parent, but will become inactive once a child is placed.

***Report of Investigation Fee*** is \$2,500, half paid at the start of the process and half paid upon completion of the report. No fees are refundable, but the second payment is not billed if the report cannot be completed. Such fees are only applicable to adoptive families who have a child placed in their home independently and are solely seeking from FamilyCore a Report of Investigation to finalize the adoption in court.

***Birthparent Counseling & Agency Support Services Fees for Birthparents***, \$85/hr. This fee is assessed to prospective adoptive parents who have agreed to pay for these services to a birth parent. These non-refundable fees are payable even if there is no placement. These fees do not apply when the adoptive family receives comprehensive placement services and pays the placement fee.

***Administrative Adoption Program Fee***, \$500, is assessed when FamilyCore is asked to manage accounts for birthparent expenses when agency is not taking a guardianship role. Program may be used when agency is asked to locate and /or facilitate placement with an agency or entity other than FamilyCore.

***Post Adoption Program Fees*** are \$150 for a Non-Identifying Written Social and Medical History. Search fees for birth parent or adoptee are \$250 for first 4 hours of service, and \$85/hour for subsequent casework time. These fees are payable at the initiation of services and are not refundable. These services are available to adults who were adopted as infants through FamilyCore or through the Florence Crittenton Home, per a current contract with the Crittenton Centers.

***Travel Fees*** are applicable to families residing outside of the agency's typical service area of one hour of travel time and mileage of 50 miles from the FamilyCore office when agency staff members conduct home visits. Travel fees will only be incurred for travel beyond 100 miles round trip and two hours round trip.

Additional fees may be required to complete various steps in the adoption process, but you will be informed of them before they are incurred. The agency retains discretion of reduction in fees for special circumstances.