

## Adoption Center of Illinois at Family Resource Center

Effective January 2018

**All fees paid are non-refundable unless otherwise noted. All fees are reviewed annually by our Board of Directors and are subject to change.**

**There is no guarantee of placement in any adoption program.**

**Waiting Child Services (WCS) Program** – Our agency supports prospective adoptive parents to navigate the various foster care systems throughout the US, including Illinois, by helping them identify and obtain information about children available for adoption.

Waiting Child Services (WCS) Program	
Phase I – Comprehensive Home Study Services	
<b>Services:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial Application Interview</li> <li>Orientation</li> <li>Home Study<sup>1</sup></li> <li>Adoption Education/Training (classes offered at our agency)</li> <li>Up to 5 Post Placements Visits for one child</li> <li>Court report</li> <li>ICPC (Interstate Placement of Children)</li> </ul> <p><sup>1</sup>All domestic home studies must be updated annually for a \$600 fee until placement occurs.</p>	<b>Fee [due with application] - \$4,200</b> <b>\$3,900 for returning ACI applicants</b>
Phase II – WCS Program	
<b>Services:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-placement matching assistance</li> <li>Obtaining information about available children</li> <li>Coordinating process with the sending state</li> <li>Identifying and locating services that may be needed (i.e. counseling, psychologists)</li> </ul>	<b>Fee [due after acceptance into program] - \$2,600</b> <b>Program fee due annually (after the initial 24 months has expired) - \$600</b>
Phase III – Placement	
<b>Total Fees for WCS Program<sup>3</sup></b>	
<b>\$6,800</b> <b>\$6,500 for returning ACI applicants</b>	
<p><sup>3</sup>Total fees do not include travel expenses; fees also do not include WCS program fee if prospective adoptive parents are in WCS Program for more than 24 months.</p>	

Please note that adoptive families typically receive reimbursement for adoption costs through various resources. It has been our experience that many adoptive families will be eligible to receive a monthly subsidy check from the placing state until the child reaches the age of 18. Additionally, adoptive families are eligible to apply for the Adoption Tax Credit (<https://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc607.html>) and stipends are often allocated to cover the legal expenses of the adoption.

## **Adoption Center of Illinois at Family Resource Center's Refund Policy**

In the spirit of transparency, and in order to avoid any confusion, our agency wants prospective adoptive parents to know what fees are refundable and under what circumstances. Unless otherwise stated below, all fees paid to our agency are non-refundable.

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### **I. Phase I Fee**

A portion of the Phase I fee may be refundable under the following circumstances:

A] If prospective adoptive parents submit an application to our agency and withdraw<sup>1</sup> it before the initial application interview, all but \$250 of the Phase I fee is refundable.

B] If prospective adoptive parents submit an application to our agency and withdraw<sup>1</sup> it after the initial application interview, all but \$1,500 of the Phase I fee is refundable.

C] There shall be no refund of the Phase I fee (which includes post-placement fees) once a worker enters a prospective adoptive parent's home and begins an in-home visit and interview. The post-placement visit fees are part of the all-inclusive fee and are not billed separately.

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<sup>1</sup> An application shall be considered "withdrawn" when prospective adoptive parents send an email or fax to an ACI staff member indicating their desire to withdraw their application. If prospective adoptive parents do not receive confirmation within 48 hours, please contact the agency's Executive Director.