



Adoption Center of Illinois at Family Resource Center Adoption Programs Overview and Fee Structure

All fees paid are non-refundable unless otherwise noted. See Refund Policy for details. All fees are subject to change. There is no guarantee of placement in any adoption program.

Description of Adoption Programs

Home Study Only (HSO) Program – Our agency completes a Home Study (Domestic or International) for Illinois prospective adoptive parents who are working with other placing resources (agencies and/or attorneys). Our agency's HSO Program for International Adoption does not include Primary Provider Services. Any family pursuing International Adoption must identify and retain a Primary Provider to oversee their International Adoption.

Traditional Adoption Placement (TAP) Program – Our agency works with expectant parents (EPs) that have approached the agency to explore the option of developing adoption plans for their children. We assist EPs to find potential placements for their child by sharing profiles of our prospective adoptive parents who may be a good fit. To minimize prospective adoptive parents' financial risk, there are no matching fees, and our agency pays all EP expenses.

Agency-Assisted Placement (AAP) Program – Similar to our TAP program, our agency supports expectant parents (EPs) and prospective adoptive parents throughout the adoption process. With the AAP program, prospective adoptive parents have already identified an EP residing in Illinois who is considering placing a child for adoption. Prospective adoptive parents pay for staff expenses (mileage, time, etc.) and legally allowable EP expenses. These fees are not recoverable if placement does not occur.

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. Once matched, our agency will coordinate the process with the agency or sending state.

Primary Provider Services – Our agency may be able to serve as the Primary Provider for your international adoption, in particular for relative or parent-identified adoptions. This service is independent and separate from the international home study service. Family Resource Center (the legal name of Adoption Center of Illinois) has been a Hague-accredited agency since 2008. This accreditation allows us to act as an Accredited Adoption Service Provider (ASP) for international adoptions, both Hague adoptions and non-Hague adoptions.

Hague Outgoing Primary Provider – Family Resource Center (the legal name of Adoption Center of Illinois) is a Hague-accredited agency accredited for Outgoing adoptions. We work with prospective adoptive parents residing in other Hague Convention countries who are interested in pursuing the adoption of a child in the United States, either through our TAP program or when families independently locate US children available for adoption through their own resources.

DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL HOME STUDY ONLY PROGRAM

Phase I: Comprehensive Home Study Services

Services:

- Application & Initial Interview
- Home Study¹
- Adoption Education and Training
- Five Post Placements Visits
- Court report

Fee due with application: \$4,800
\$4,300 for returning ACI applicants

Phase II: Agency Coordination

Services

- Coordinating with other agencies for home study review, document submission, and ongoing case support
- ICPC Coordination (Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children)

Fee due upon finalization of Home Study:
\$500

**This fee is waived for families who submitted their Phase I fee prior to 9/30/2024*

¹Home Study Update Requirements: All domestic home studies must be updated annually for a \$750 fee until placement occurs. All International home studies must be updated when prospective adoptive parents I800A/I600A will be expiring (if prospective adoptive parents have not filed an I800/I600 for a specific child).

International Home Study Only: Our agency's International Home Study Only Program does not include Primary Provider Services.

TRADITIONAL ADOPTION PLACEMENT (TAP) PROGRAM	
Phase I: Comprehensive Home Study Services	
Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application & Initial Interview • Home Study¹ • Adoption Education and Training • Five Post Placements Visits • Court report 	Fee due with application: \$4,800 \$4,300 for returning ACI applicants
Phase II: TAP Program	
Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expectant Parent (EP) outreach/advertising efforts • Emergency response service – staff on call 24 hours per day • Support/feedback in the creation of family profiles • Expectant Parent Counselor services • Family profile services on agency website • EP expense Fund Coordination of post-placement communication plan between APs and EPs 	Fee due after acceptance into program: \$6,500
Phase III: Placement	
Fee due at the time of placement: \$28,500³	
³ <i>Sibling Placements: When two or more children from the same biological parent(s) are placed at the same time through the TAP program, prospective adoptive parents will pay 1.5 full placement fees.</i>	
Total Fees for TAP Program	
\$39,800 \$38,700 for returning ACI applicants	

¹Home Study Update Requirements: All domestic home studies must be updated annually for a \$750 fee until placement occurs.

Family Based Financial Aid – TAP PROGRAM ONLY: Our Board of Directors created the FBFA program to support prospective adoptive parents from a wide range of economic circumstances in pursuing adoption. The FBFA program provides non-cash grants to prospective adoptive parents who demonstrate financial need.

Prospective adoptive parents have the option of applying for FBFA prior to submitting their Phase I fee by submitting a non-refundable \$250 fee. Prospective adoptive parents must otherwise apply for FBFA within 60 days of submitting their application and Phase I fee, with no additional FBFA application fee. If any amount of FBFA is awarded, it will be applied to the Phase III placement fee. At the time of placement, your financial aid grant letter will act as cash towards your payment of the placement fee. *This program is only open to US citizens and US residents. Additional information can be found [here](#).*

AGENCY-ASSISTED PLACEMENT (AAP) PROGRAM	
<p>Services (as applicable):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial meeting and assessment with expectant parent 	<p>Fee: \$400 + mileage and travel expenses</p>
Phase I	
<p>Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application & Initial Interview Home Study¹ Adoption Education and Training Five Post Placements Visits Court report 	<p>Fee due with application: \$4,800 \$4,300 for returning ACI applicants</p> <p>\$3,000 for applicants with current Home Study²</p> <p>²Fee only applies to applicants who are using another agency to provide home study and post placement services.</p>
Phase II	
<p>Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency response service – staff on call 24 hours per day Expectant Parent counseling services to identified EP(s) Coordination of hospital plan Management of EP Expense Fund Coordination of post-placement communication plan between APs and Eps <p>Note regarding Expense Fund:</p> <p>These are funds deposited with our agency to be used for EP and related expenses. <u>*EP expenses may exceed this amount. Unused funds will be refunded.</u></p>	<p>Fees due with submission of AAP Program Agreement:</p> <p>Expectant Parent Counseling Services: \$3,000</p> <p>Expectant Parent Expense Fund: \$3,000 Total: \$6,000</p>
<p>Total Fees for AAP Program</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$10,800*</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$10,100 for returning ACI applicants</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$9,000 for applicants with current Home Study</p>	

¹Home Study Update Requirements: All domestic home studies must be updated annually for a \$750 fee until placement occurs.

WAITING CHILD SERVICES (WCS) PROGRAM	
Phase I: Comprehensive Home Study Services	
Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application & Initial Interview • Home Study¹ • Adoption Education and Training • Foster Family Home Licensing • Five Post Placements Visits • Court report 	Fee due with application: \$4,800 \$4,300 for returning ACI applicants
Phase II: WCS Program	
Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-placement matching assistance • Obtaining information about available children • Coordinating process with the sending state • Child Specific Home Study • Identifying and locating services that may be needed (i.e., counseling, psychologists) • ICPC Coordination ((Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children) 	Fee due after acceptance into program: \$3,000
Total Fees for WCS Program³	
	\$7,800 \$7,300 for returning ACI applicants
³ Total fees do not include travel expenses.	

¹Home Study Update Requirements: All domestic home studies must be updated annually for a \$750 fee until placement occurs.

INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY PROVIDER

Document Review

Services:

- Document Review & Consultation – Once initial email questions are answered, we will review your adoption documents and if they appear to be in good order, we will then ask you to submit an application for our Primary Provider Services and pay the Phase I fee.

***NOTE:** If the document review stage has not progressed within 12 months from date of first contact due to lack of communication or not submitting required documentation, we will close your file. You can then restart the process at any time with newly scanned documentation and an additional \$250 review fee per child.*

**Fee: \$250 per child
(non-refundable)**

Phase I

Services:

- Initial Consultation with other adoption service providers, in-country attorneys and/or foreign authorities as needed
- Determination of the viability of providing primary provider services
- Includes an \$815 Monitoring and Oversight fee that agency will pay directly to CEAS, the accrediting entity, for the adoption of ONE child. If more than one child is being adopted, Phase I will include an additional \$1,100 per child (\$815 for each child will be sent directly to CEAS for Monitoring and Oversight).

Fee: \$3,100

Phase II

Services:

- Ongoing communication and/or supervision of home study service provider, foreign supervised providers, foreign attorneys, foreign and US governmental agencies and Central Authorities.
- Review of all documentation required to verify completion of all six-adoption services in order to allow prospective adoptive parents to apply for visa for child's entry to United States. Support and assistance with USCIS and Visa application process.

Fee: \$3,100

INTERNATIONAL HAGUE OUTGOING PRIMARY PROVIDER	
Phase I	
Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of current Home Study and Article 15 • Orientation to the Hague Convention process • Communication with other adoption service providers (ASPs) • Determination of the viability of the possible adoption 	Fee: \$4,000
Phase II	
Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing communication and/or supervision of other ASPs • Preparation of all required preliminary documents in compliance with the Hague convention 	Fee: \$4,500
Phase III: Placement	
Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and/or preparation of Child Background Study, Birth Parent consents, Article 16 letter, Article 17 letter, post-placement supervision reports, and documentation for Hague Adoption Certificate 	Fee: \$4,500

ADDITIONAL SERVICES	
Service	Fee
Expedited Fee (For emergencies only): Agency can expedite the Home Study process and visit to your home under extenuating circumstances only. <i>Criminal clearances, references, medical releases, etc. may delay completion of the final Home Study, as our agency cannot expedite these items.</i>	\$900
Home Study Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic home studies must be updated annually until placement occurs • International home studies must be updated prior to prospective adoptive parents' I800A/I600A expiring (if an I800/I600 has not been filed for a specific child) • When Home Studies are converted from one program to another (i.e. Domestic to International, China to Colombia, Domestic to Waiting Child Services) • When prospective adoptive parents move to a new address, the change in the number of household members, including the birth of a biological child 	\$750

<p>Reactivation Fee:</p> <p>Families on hold for more than 12 months will be required to pay a Reactivation Fee of \$1,500 prior to resuming active status. The Reactivation Fee applies only to families who have completed the Initial Application Interview and were assigned a Home Study Worker. This fee applies to families who stop communicating with ACI, those who voluntarily go on hold, as well as families who give birth to a child or adopt independent of ACI home study services. The Home Study Update fee is included in the Reactivation Fee. See Home Study Services Agreement for details.</p>	<p>\$1,500</p>
<p>Additional Post Placement Visits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase I fee includes five post-placement visits. Additional posts will be charged a fee of \$400 per visit • A fee of \$100 will be charged for each additional child per visit if posts are conducted concurrently 	<p>\$400</p>
	<p>\$100</p>
<p>Court Report:</p> <p>Fee applies only in situations when ACI did not complete the Home Study</p>	<p>\$500</p>
<p>Mileage:</p> <p>Travel beyond 200 miles round trip from ACI (60660) or Peoria (61602) will incur a charge for each additional mile. This fee is based on the Internal Revenue Service current rates.</p>	<p>67 cents/mile</p>
<p>Environmental/Safety Assessment:</p> <p>A court ordered assessment required to obtain visitation or custody of a biological child residing out of state. This fee covers the first 12 hours of service provided (average time spent on assessments). Additional hours after the first 12 hours of service will be billed at the hourly rate of \$125.</p>	<p>\$1,500</p>
<p>International Hosting Study:</p> <p>Assessment and report. Fee will be applied if continuing with International Home Study Services</p>	<p>\$2,200</p>
<p>Embryo Home Study:</p> <p>Fee covers the application, Home Study, and one post-placement visit. If an embryo adoption is not completed and the prospective adoptive parents wish to apply for a Domestic Home Study, \$2,600 will be applied to the current home study fee of \$4,800.</p>	<p>\$2,600</p>

THIRD PARTY FEES

The following fees are estimates only and subject to change. Participants should contact provider(s) directly to confirm amount(s).

Service	Amount	Due
Illinois State and FBI Fingerprinting	\$59.45 each	At fingerprinting site
State Child Abuse Checks	\$0-\$30 each <i>Varies by State</i>	Submission of child abuse check request
Documents: (birth certificate, marriage license, divorce decree, employment verifications, etc.)	Varies	Upon request for document from issuing entity
Medical Exam	Varies	At medical visit

If adopting internationally, Participants will be responsible for payment of additional costs, expenses and fees payable predominately to the Primary Provider (PP). The below are estimates and the PP will be responsible for providing Participants estimates for the following fees including but not limited to:

Third Party Fees for International Adoption – Home Study Only *For Participants NOT Using Agency as a Primary Provider*

Service	Amount
Passport (For applicants without current US passport)	\$130 per person
USCIS application All U.S. families must receive approval from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) before bringing a child to the U.S. Fee includes USCIS application and fingerprinting.	\$920
Pre-adoption Medical Review of Child Referral Review of child referral with a pediatrician experienced in international adoption to discuss potential diagnoses and outcomes and identify resources needed to meet the child's needs.	\$250 - \$800 (costs vary by reviewer)
Document Translation/Interpretation Services Costs for obtaining, translating, or copying records or documents required to complete the adoption, costs for the child's court documents, passport, adoption certificate and other documents related to the adoption, and costs for notarizations and certifications.	\$50-60 per hour 10-25 cents/word

<p>Child Expenses in-Country Clothing, food, shelter, medical care, foster care services, orphanage care, and any other services provided directly to the child.</p>	<p>\$300/month (estimate)</p>
<p>Child Medical Examination in-Country Should the general examination reveal the need for additional tests or a more specialized examination, Participants would be responsible for all associated fees.</p>	<p>\$100 - \$200 plus immunizations as needed (estimate)</p>
<p>Immigrant Visa interview and processing fee</p>	<p>\$325</p>
<p>International Re-Adoption It is strongly recommended and, in some cases, required, for adoptive parents to re-adopt upon arrival in the United States with their child. Once the child is in the US, recognition and validation of the adoption is subject to the laws of the parents' state of residence. Please review www.childwelfare.gov/pubpdfs/intercountry.pdf for further information.</p>	<p>\$25 - \$1,500 (costs vary by state)</p>
<p>In-Country Adoption Fees Including Required Contributions Orphanage fee, attorney fees, court costs, birth certificate, passport, and any other costs related to providing adoption services in the child's country of origin, contributions to the child protection/child welfare service programs in the child's country of origin or in the United States.</p>	<p>\$500 - \$2,000</p>
<p>Travel Cost Estimate Travel expenses vary greatly depending on the location, duration, and number of trips. Applicants should budget for airfare, lodging, meals and ground transportation.</p>	<p>\$3,000 - \$10,000</p>

Adoption Center of Illinois at Family Resource Center's (ACI) Refund Policy

Unless otherwise stated below, all fees paid to our agency are non-refundable.

Phase I Fee for Domestic Programs and International Home Study Services

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 withdraw¹ it before the initial application interview, all but \$300 of the Phase I fee is refundable. A refund check will be mailed within 60 days of a written request.

B] If prospective adoptive parents submit an application to our agency and withdraw¹ it after the initial application interview, all but \$1,750 of the Phase I fee is refundable. A refund check will be mailed within 60 days of a written request.

C] There shall be no refund of the Phase I fee once the assigned home study worker begins the home study interview process.

TAP Program Phase III Placement Fee

The Placement fee paid by prospective adoptive parents will be fully refunded by ACI in the event the adoptive placement of the child is reversed prior to the finalization of the adoption, due to a successful legal challenge brought by a putative/biological father and the subsequent loss of custody of the child by the prospective adoptive parents. This refund will be made within 60 days after the return of the child to ACI.

Agency-Assisted Placement Program "Expense Fund"

Any remaining funds in prospective adoptive parents' Expenses Fund account will be refunded after a period of 60 days in which there is no account activity.

Primary Provider Program Fees

All fees paid are non-refundable.

Outgoing Primary Provider Program Fees

All fees paid are non-refundable.

¹ An application shall be considered "withdrawn" when prospective adoptive parents send an email to an ACI staff member indicating their desire to withdraw their application.