



HOME STUDY FEES, SOUTHERN STATES

1. Application: \$300

Due when an application is submitted

This fee includes file creation, reviewing and processing the application.

This fee is non-refundable

2. Home Study: \$1,975

Home Study Administration: \$300

Due prior to receiving home study materials

*Note: A travel surcharge will be assessed when a worker needs to travel more than 100 miles to conduct a home visit

This fee includes document coordination, home visits, interviews, and social worker travel, as well as preparing, writing, reviewing, and finalizing the home study report.

Refundable prior to services beginning; Half-refundable after orientation and before home study begins; Non-refundable after first home study meeting

3. Subsequent Adoption Home Study: \$1,375

Home Study Administration: \$300

Due prior to receiving home study materials

For families who have previously used AFC home study services

This fee includes document coordination, home visits, interviews, and social worker travel, as well as preparing, writing, reviewing, and finalizing the home study report for families who have adopted previously from AFC and are starting a new process to adopt another child.

Refundable prior to services beginning; Half-refundable after orientation and before home study begins; Non-refundable after first home study meeting

4. Home Study Private to Agency Conversion: \$1,325

Home Study Administration: \$300

For families with a private home study who request a conversion to an agency home study

Due prior to the first meeting with a social worker

This fee includes document coordination, home visits, interviews, and social worker travel, as well as preparing, writing, reviewing, and finalizing the home study report.

Refundable prior to services beginning; Half-refundable after orientation and before home study begins; Non-refundable after first home study meeting

5. Technology/Portal Fee: \$150

Due prior to receiving home study materials

This fee includes technical support, maintenance, and guidance in using the agency's family portal and other technology resources.

Refundable prior to services beginning; non-refundable after the orientation call

6. Home Study Review: \$600

For families who completed a home study through a different agency

Due upon submission of the Home Study report

This fee includes a review of the home study, communication with the HS agency, preparing and sending ha home study review and approval letter, sending/receiving cooperative and interagency agreements, and coordinating home study revisions.

This fee is non-refundable

7. Home Study Update: \$675

Home Study Update Administration: \$200

For families currently in process who have not yet adopted a child

Due prior to services being rendered

This fee includes a home visit, updating/revising the home study and running new clearances; and agency services to update and process paperwork when a home study and documents are expiring prior to adopting a child. This is required to maintain a current, active, open file in accordance with program, state, and federal regulations.

Note: A travel surcharge will be assessed when a worker needs to travel more than 100 miles to conduct a home visit

This fee is non-refundable once update services have begun

8. Updating Clearances without a home study update: \$50 per clearance

Due upon receipt of an invoice, and prior to new clearances being processed. This fee is non-refundable

This fee includes running new criminal and/or child abuse clearances when a Home Study Renewal Update is not needed but clearances are expiring and need to be updated

9. (a) Home Study Changes (b) Revisions (c) Re-Issues

Due upon receipt of an invoice, and prior to the home study is released

a. Home Study Changes:

\$300- when a change does not require a home visit

\$600- when a change does require a home visit

*Note: A travel surcharge will be assessed when a worker needs to travel more than 100 miles to conduct a home visit.

This fee is non-refundable.

b. Home Study Revisions: \$0 due to agency error; \$250 for all other reasons

Due upon receipt of an invoice and before the revised home study is released

Includes revising home study due to an RFE, changing program/country requirements.

NOTE: no fee is due if the revision is due to an agency error; \$250 if the revision is due to USCIS/country policy or program changes, non-agency errors or applicant omission of information

This fee is non-refundable.

c. Home Study Re-Issues: \$250 per re-issue

Due upon receipt of an invoice and before the re-issued home study is released

This fee includes re-issuing a home study when families miss inaccuracies or change their preferences, and the home study is finalized. All prospective adoptive parents review and approve their home study, which is finalized based upon their approval. If inaccuracies are not discovered until after it has been finalized, the home study will need to be corrected and re-issued.

This fee is non-refundable

10. Multiple Report Distribution: \$100/per report & supporting documents

Due prior to home studies/supporting documents are sent. This fee is non-refundable.

The AFC home study fee covers distribution of one notarized home study report and supporting documents to another agency or attorney. Should prospective adopting parents choose to work with multiple agencies, the family will be billed \$100 for each additional distribution. Note that the agency requires a cooperative or provider agreement to be in the file prior to distributing home studies and supporting documents.

11. Post-Placement/Post-Adoption Services

Due at the end of the home study process, prior to the home study being released

\$350 per visit for placement of a single child

\$450 per visit for placement of twins/sibling pair (\$100 per child increase for each additional child placed at the same time)

*Note: A travel surcharge will be assessed when a worker needs to travel more than 100 miles to conduct a home visit.

\$175 Post-placement/Post-Adoption Administration

Due at the end of the home study process, prior to the home study being released

The number of post-placement visits will vary, based upon the state/country where a child was born, the state where the adoptive family resides, and the requirements of the program. Additional post-placement visits may be required, depending upon the needs of the child and/or the adoptive family.

These fees are non-refundable unless placement does not occur or the family transfers to another agency who provides documentation of the transfer for AFC records.

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