



EXPLANATION OF FEES

1. Application Fee: \$500

Due when an application is submitted

This fee includes reviewing and processing your application. It also includes matching you with a program coordinator, social worker, or other staff member, as needed.

2. Home Study Fee:

Domestic: \$2100

International: \$2250

Home Study Administrative: \$300

A travel surcharge will be assessed when a clinician needs to travel more than 100 miles for a home visit

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

This fee includes document coordination, running clearances, home visits, interviews, and clinician's travel, as well as preparing, writing, reviewing, finalizing, processing, copying, and notarizing the home study report.

3. Subsequent Home Study:

Domestic: \$1500

International: \$1650

Home Study Administration \$300

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

For families who have previously used AFC home study services

This fee includes document coordination, running clearances, home visits, interviews, and clinician's travel, as well as preparing, writing, reviewing, finalizing, processing, copying, and notarizing the home study report.

4. Technology/ Portal Fee: \$150

Due prior to receiving home study materials; Refundable prior to services beginning; non-refundable after the orientation call

This fee includes technical support, maintenance, and guidance using the agency's family portal and other technology resources. Applicable to all families, even those who do not use the portal.

5. Home Study Review: \$600

For families who complete a home study through a different agency and apply to one of the agency's programs

Due upon submission of home study report. This fee is non-refundable

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

6. Home Study Update: \$750

Home Study Update Administration: \$200

For families in process who have not yet adopted a child, and need to update their home study and documents in order to maintain a current, active open file in accordance with program, state, and federal regulations

Due prior to services being rendered; This fee is non-refundable once update services have begun

This fee includes a home visit, updating/revising the home study and running new clearances and related services. A travel surcharge will be assessed when a clinician needs to travel more than 100 miles to conduct a home visit.

7. Updating clearances without a home study update: \$50 per clearance

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

This fee includes running new criminal and/or child abuse clearances when a home study update is not needed but clearances need to be updated

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

Due upon receipt of an invoice, and prior to the home study is released. This fee is non-refundable

a. Home Study Changes:

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

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

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

b. Home Study Revisions: \$0 for revisions needed due to agency error, \$250 per revision, if needed for any other reason

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

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

This fee includes re-issuing a home study when families miss inaccuracies or change their preferences, after 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.

9. 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. If 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.

10. Post-Placement Services Fee: \$375 per visit for one child; \$100 increase for each child placed at the same time

Due at the end of the home study process, and before it is released; This fee is refundable only the family withdraws from the adoption process or provides a letter (on letterhead) from another licensed agency agreeing to provide this service

The number of post-placement/post-adoption visits vary, depending on the adoptive family's state of residence, the requirements of the program/country, and the needs of the child and the family

Post-Placement /Post-Adoption Administration: \$200

Due at the end of the home study process, and before it is released

This is a one-time fee, regardless of the number of post-placement/post-adoption visits

Miscellaneous:

Expedited Home Study Fee: Additional \$600

(Reserved only for emergencies. Service is provided on a case-by-case basis upon approval)

Insufficient Funds Fee: \$50

Additional Mileage: Additional mileage fees will apply for applicants whose social worker will need to travel more than 100 miles each way for home visits.