

OPEN ARMS ADOPTION SERVICES, INC.

A Non-Profit Louisiana Licensed Child Placing Adoption Agency

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AGENCY FEE SCHEDULE for ADOPTING FAMILIES

NOTE: Re any services: If client lives out of the Shreveport or Bossier City limits, mileage costs at the IRS rate in force at that time, will incur.

I. Home Study Fees (Includes all visits, interviews, and up to three original copies of the Report, Certificate, and License):

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| <u>Domestic Infant Adoption Home Study</u> | \$2450 |
| <u>Annual Home Study Update:</u> | \$600 - \$950 |
| <u>Move to a new home:</u> | \$350 |
| <u>Special Needs or International Adoption Home Study</u> (Depending on the needs/age of the child, the number of children, and other factors) | \$2580 - \$2880 |

II. Other Pre-Placement Services

Pre-Placement Services to Identify an Older Child or Sibling Group and work with a Placing Agency and adopting family toward placement of child or sibling group:
\$500 - \$1500

III. Placement Fees – In State (when both birth mother and adopting family reside in Louisiana):

Placement Fee: (Includes 6 post placement home visits and reports, et. al.) **\$15,000**

IV. Match and Placement Fees – Out-of-State (when Open Arms has or assumes legal custody of the child who is born in Louisiana and the adopting family resides out of Louisiana):

Local Birthmother: (When the child is delivered in and released from a hospital located in Shreveport or Bossier City, the birthmother is a resident of Shreveport or Bossier Parishes, and the adopting parents are coming in from out of state): **\$15,000**

In-State Birthmother: (When the child is delivered and released from a hospital located in-state, out of the Caddo and Bossier Parish area, the birth mother is a LA resident, and the adopting family is coming from out of state): **\$16,500**

V. Case Coordination Fees: (When an Open Arms certified family adopts from an attorney or agency other than OAAS; or an out-of-state family adopts a LA child and needs LA services):

In-state Placement of family: **\$50 - \$500 plus** post placement visit fees

ICPC/Out of State Placement of Family: **\$250 - \$3500** depending on the complexity **plus** post placement visit fees

VI. Post Placement Home Visit and Report Fees (when Open Arms is not the placing agency):

Home Visit and Report each (one child – nothing unusual) **\$250 plus mileage**

Special Needs Home Visit and Report each – depends on each situation, the needs of the child, the requirements of the placing agency, the services needed, and so forth; an estimate can be given once the child or children’s needs are assessed

Fees cannot be set until placement

VII. Additional Fees

Unknown or non-participating birthfather: There are additional fees in the event a birthfather is not involved, and he has to be identified, found, contacted, assessed and so forth. These fees will vary depending on his whereabouts, compliance, situation, etc. Once the situation is known we can issue an **estimate of fees, if any are anticipated.**

Legal fees: Legal fees are paid directly to the agency attorney, and are billed at an hourly rate. The attorney **deposit is \$12,000 for instate families and \$13,000 for out of state families**, to be paid on the day the birthmother signs her final paperwork. This check goes into a deposit account from which the attorney pays his firm and Caddo Juvenile Court as the bills incur. An **uncomplicated in-state adoption through finalization averages \$12,500-\$15,500** in attorney and Court costs. For **out-of-state families, the legal fees average \$13,000 - \$16,000** through finalization in Louisiana. The variances have to do mostly with the situation with the birthfather and we have had to do to locate him to sign paperwork, etc., or what the Court requires in each case to terminate his rights, and the extra work involved with the ICPC paperwork, and Waiver To Appear and Financial Affidavits. All incurred fees up to finalization, and the finalization estimate, will need to be paid to our agency attorney prior to the filing for the final hearing.

This Fee Schedule is updated periodically as needed. Check for the most recent schedule prior to placement.