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Pregnancy Counseling & Adoption Services Program

FEE AGREEMENT FOR DESIGNATED ADOPTION

Adoptive Family in Colorado – Expectant Parent Out of State

Application Fee \$400

This fee includes the processing of the adoption application and all background checks including CBI, FBI and Child Abuse Registries. This fee is due with the submission of the application.

Adoption Education Fee

\$500 per couple/\$250 for individual

This fee is for the mandatory classes required by the State of Colorado for all adoptive applicants. Fee is due prior to attending class. This class may be waived if the family verifies completion of the class.

Home Study and Placement

\$2,000

This fee covers the SAFE home study assessment and casework services regarding the placement including hospital coordination, foster care licensing and ICPC preparation. Fee is due prior to beginning the home study.

Post Placement \$1,500

This fee covers the post placement visits, reports to the court, family support and referral for services, monitoring of the foster care license. Fee is due at placement of the child in the home.

Adoption Finalization in Colorado

\$1,000

If Clients elect to finalize their adoption in the Jefferson County District Court, State of Colorado and choose to have Agency assist in that process, Agency agrees to do so. If Clients elect to use LFS to finalize the adoption in Colorado and it is non-contested, Clients will pay an additional \$1,000.00 at the time that the child is legally available for adoption.

However, Clients also have the option, at their own additional expense, to retain an attorney to represent them for the adoption finalization in Colorado or the state where the child was born, if so permitted. If Clients do not already have an attorney, Agency may be able to provide Clients with the name of one or more attorneys to contact. Agency, upon Clients being current in all Agency payments and expenses, will provide Clients' attorney, if so retained, with all the necessary documents prior to the date of the final hearing. Clients agree to have their attorney provide Agency with a copy of both the filed petition to adopt and the final decree as each becomes available.

Total Fees \$5,400

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Possible Additional Fees to be Paid to LFS

Addendums to the home study due to relocation of the family will be \$250.

All SAFE home studies are valid for 12 months from the date of approval. In order to maintain approval and remain in compliance with licensing regulations, a home study update needs to be complete prior to the expiration date. Adoption families are responsible for the agency fee of \$500 to update their home study.

The filing fee to finalize the adoption in Colorado is \$167.00 and must be paid directly to the court by the adoptive couple.

In the event the adoptive couple chooses to retain an attorney, they are responsible for all fees. A contested adoption may result in substantial legal fees for which the adoptive family is responsible.

Families living more than 160 miles round trip from the Denver, Fort Collins, or Colorado Springs offices will be billed mileage of 55 cents per mile for all miles in excess of 160. Per Diem expenses may also apply.

ICPC fee for approval for \$170 will be paid to Adoption Options at the time of placement.

Agreement

We have read and agree to this fee agreement. We understand that fees are incurred for services provided and not for the placement of a child. We agree to pay the fees billed regardless of whether or not the adoption occurs. In the event that we withdraw from the program, we agree to pay all fees incurred and due. The agency reserves the right to rescind approval status at any time and LFS will retain all fees for services already provided. Fees for services already provided are non refundable in all circumstances. We understand that all payments are due upon receipt of billing. Final consent for adoption will be given when all fees are paid in full.

We understand that failure to pay fees in a timely manner may result in collections actions or legal proceedings. We further understand and agree that any attorney fees and expenses incurred by the Agency for collection of fees and costs owed shall be the responsibility of the adoptive parents.

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