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Pregnancy Counseling & Adoption Services Program

FEE AGREEMENT FOR DESIGNATED ADOPTION

Adoptive Family Reside Out of State – Expectant Parent in Colorado

Expectant Parent Counseling

This fee includes counseling for expectant parents, caseworker coordination between the birth family and adoptive family, preparation and filing of legal documents and legal fees incurred with the relinquishment/termination of parental rights in an uncontested adoption case, birth plan and hospital coordination, locating and serving all birth fathers, ICPC preparation, coordination, and services, and post placement support of birth family. This fee is due at the signing of this Agreement and the Disclosure of Information and Adoption Service Agreement. This fee is completely non-refundable regardless of the outcome of the adoption or the amount of services completed. In the event the birth family decides to withdraw from counseling and decides to parent, no refunds will occur regardless of the timing of this decision.

Adoption Finalization in Colorado

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. Such fee is non-refundable.

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 their home state. 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

Possible Additional Fees

Pregnancy related expenses that may include, but not be limited to, rent, transportation, food, maternity clothes, phone, and other basic needs.

Medical expenses including all expenses not covered by insurance for prenatal care, delivery, and hospital care.

\$5,500

\$1,000

\$6,500

Cradle Care (temporary foster care) will be billed at \$50 per day if the adoptive family is not able to accept placement at the time of birth.

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. The adoptive family shall also be responsible to pay to the Agency all of their legal fees and costs associated with litigation and appeals in a contested adoption. A contested adoption may result in substantial legal fees for which the adoptive family is responsible.

Adoptive family is also responsible for the costs of copies of birth mother's medical records, private investigator to locate birth father(s), certified orders, legal publication, process server fees, courier service, FedEx, registered mailings, and birth certificate fees charged by vital records.

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.

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.

Adoptive Parent

Date

Adoptive Parent

Date

LFS Representative