

Caucasian, Asian, and Hispanic Domestic Program



Adoptions From The Heart, one of the first agencies to promote open adoption as an alternative to traditional adoption, believes that open adoption is in the best interest of adopted children, birth parents, and adoptive parents. Open adoption provides children and adoptive families access to medical records and accurate information about birth families, and allows birth parents the opportunity to select the adoptive parents for their children. Open adoption arrangements vary in frequency of contact from sharing annual letters through Adoptions From The Heart as the intermediary, to visits and phone calls when desired by birth and adoptive parents.

How Does This Program Work?

Prospective adoptive parents are screened, educated and then asked to submit written profiles, photographs, and videos to Adoptions From The Heart. These materials are reviewed by birth parents when selecting adoptive families for their children.

Open Adoption involves pre-placement meetings between birth and adoptive parents, and some degree of openness after placement. Infants are placed directly from hospitals. A minimum arrangement may be an exchange of first names, letters and pictures through the agency as the child grows up.

Who is Eligible to Adopt?

- Single applicants and couples.
- Parents with or without children.
- Applicants must reside in PA, NJ, DE, VA, NY, CT.

Eligible Children?

Adoptions From The Heart primarily places newborn infants directly from the hospital. Occasionally toddlers become available but this is rare. Children in this program are of Caucasian, Latino, Asian, and East Indian heritage.

How Long is the Wait?

Since birth parents generally select the adoptive family for their child, waiting periods in this program vary. It may also vary depending upon the adoptive parent's flexibility.

What are the Fees & Costs?

Please be aware that there is up to a \$13,170 federal tax credit for families (see Help With Financial Expenses Flyer for details). The current placement fee for this program is approximately \$22,000. Fees and costs for the program are based on the fee schedule in effect at the time services are provided.

* Some additional fees may apply, such as medical fees for birth and delivery that are not covered by insurance. All fees are approximate and subject to change at any time. For a fee breakdown, see the detailed fee schedule below.



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FEE SCHEDULE

Caucasian/Asian/Hispanic Adoption Program

Fees that you are required to pay will be based on the fee schedule in effect at the time that the services are provided. See Description of Services for Fees Contract for details of services.

(These fees are guaranteed through June 30, 2011)

(All fees once paid are non-refundable)

Application Process	\$500
Home Study* & Educational Course I & II.....	\$1,700
Update of Previous Home Study*.....	***\$600/\$800
Review of current home study by other Agency*.....	
\$300	
Home study after 3 years with Agency*.....	\$850
Addendum to home study* (in case of move).....	\$200
Program Fee.....	\$5,000
Pre-Placement Meetings *.....	\$100/hour
Placement	\$22,000
Post Placement Reports*.....	\$1,500
Interstate Compact Fee (when applicable).....	\$1,500
NJ & CT 72-hour Surrender of Parental Rights (when applicable).....	\$1,500
CT Agency fee to finalize adoption in CT plus filing fees of \$300.....	\$1,800
NY Surrender Processing Fee.....	\$1,000
Court appearance (if required).....	\$300

Approximate Fees of Other Providers

NY Attorney's fee for birthparent Surrenders - \$3,000 including filing of ICPC

Legal fees for uncontested termination of birth parents rights** - approx. \$2,000 + costs

Legal fees for finalizing an uncontested adoption – approx. \$2,500 + costs

Cost of DVDs to the video company - \$371.00 in PA, others \$350

Actual medical expenses for birth and delivery that are not covered by insurance

*Travel Time: One-hour round trip from office is free. After that, the charge is \$45/half hour.

**Assume termination will be uncontested. Contested terminations will be at the attorney's hourly rate and costs.

*** Lower fee for current clients of AFTH