



Out of Area Domestic Open Adoption 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.
- Adoptive families need not be homeowners.
- Applicants may reside anywhere in the United States.

Eligible Children?

Adoptions From The Heart primarily places newborn infants directly from the hospital. However, toddlers are occasionally available.

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. African-American couples and singles and families open to full African-American infants are in high demand.

What are the Fees & Costs?

Please be aware that there is up to a \$13,190 federal tax credit for families (*see Help With Financial Expenses Flyer for details*).

Placement fees can be found on our fee schedule. 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

Out of Service Area Domestic 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 Out of Service Area for details of services.

(These fees are guaranteed through June 30, 2019)

(All fees once paid are non-refundable)

Application Process	\$500
Review of current home study by another Agency.....	\$500
Review of home study update.....	\$300
Educational Courses	\$600
Program Fee	\$6,500
Sex Assigned at Birth Selection Fee.....	\$3,000
Pre-Placement Meetings*	\$100/hour
Placement Fee	\$23,000
Placement fee for twins (\$11,500 additional)	
Review of up to 3-4 Post-Placements reports from other agencies	\$450
Review of Twins post placement reports	\$675
Interstate Compact Fee (when applicable).....	\$2,000
NJ 72-hour Surrender of Parental Rights (when applicable).....	\$2,500
CT Surrender of Parental Rights (including filing fee)	\$2,725
CT Finalization fee (including filing fee).....	\$2,450
Court Report for finalization.....	\$500
NY Surrender Witnessing Fee	\$500
Court appearance (if required).....	\$400

Miscellaneous escrow \$1,000 required when matched

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

Fees paid to Other Providers

Medical expenses for birth and delivery not covered by insurance is actual cost

Approximate legal fees paid to attorneys

PA

Legal fees for uncontested termination biological parent's rights.....	\$2,000-\$2,500
Legal fees for finalizing an uncontested adoption.....	\$2,000-\$2,500

NJ

Legal fees to finalize an adoption.....	\$2,385
Legal fees for both early court termination of parental rights and finalization.....	\$3,285
Legal fees for finalization alone.....	\$2,485

NY

Legal fees for BM attorney.....	\$2,000
Legal fees for TPR.....	\$3,000
Legal fees to finalize an adoption.....	\$3,500

VA

Legal fee to finalize adoption.....	\$4,000
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DE

Legal fee to finalize adoption.....	\$4,000
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CT

The Agency handles all legal work. No additional charges by attorney