

Private Adoption



Private Adoption simply cannot be done alone. There are many legal requirements and emotional needs to be met for all involved. That is where Adoptions From The Heart comes in. Services are provided to birth mothers who have chosen a family for their child or to families who have identified their own birth parents. In addition to the many services provided, legal assistance and a home study are just a small part of what we do to build beautiful families. These services are meant to enhance and not compete with the private adoption process. Together with adoptive families and attorneys, Adoptions From The Heart facilitates successful private adoptions.

Home Study

A home study is a written report about you and your family that is required by law and must be initiated and completed prior to adoption placement. One of our experienced adoption counselors will meet with you to assist with the required paperwork, provide insight into the adoption process, and help you to complete your home study. Adoptions From The Heart is a licensed private, non-profit agency and can prepare home studies for families in PA, NJ, DE, NY, CT and VA.

Counseling

Dedicated counselors are available to provide adoptive parents the guidance they need prior to and after placement has been completed. Designed to ensure a smooth transition, pre and post adoption counseling is an invaluable resource. Birth parents are legally entitled to counseling services and funding is available in the state of PA.

Legal Assistance

Adoptions From The Heart obtains and also prepares the paperwork required for the adoption and forwards these to the family's attorney and/or the Court. The legal forms include birth parent surrenders, interstate compact processing, home studies, court reports, etc. in all of the states where the agency is licensed.

Identified Adoption Services

Identified Adoption Services are available to adoptive parents who have independently identified a potential birth mother, without the agency's assistance. All pre and post-placement services for both adoptive and birth parents are provided. In Delaware, although private adoptions are illegal, a pre-arranged match between adoptive and birth parents can be processed as an agency adoption when the agency provides all mandated services. Adoptions From the Heart can obtain 72 hour surrender of parental rights for NJ birth parents placing their child for adoption.

Intermediary Adoption Services

These services are provided to adoptive parents who have identified a potential birth mother through another agency or a private attorney. In intermediary situations services are provided to the adoptive parents only. All required adoption services for the potential birth parents are provided by another agency or through the private attorney.

Inter-State Compact Preparation

For families in PA, NJ, DE, NY, CT, and VA, Adoptions From the Heart is able to prepare Inter-State paperwork for families adopting across state lines.

Supervisory Visits & Reports

These reports are required by the court in private adoptions, international adoptions and/or adoptions taking place across state lines and are available to families in PA, NJ, DE, NY, CT, and VA.



New Jersey Complaint Investigation

In private adoption cases, Adoptions From The Heart will prepare the New Jersey Complaint Investigation (A.C.I.) which is required by the NJ judicial system. Supervisory visits are made to the adoptive family at which time counseling is offered to birth parents. A report is then generated and provided for the Preliminary Hearing. It is then determined by the court if three additional home supervisory visits and a report are required prior to the final court hearing. The state of NJ also requires that a home study be completed prior to the preliminary hearing, except when the adoption is occurring between close relatives.

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Virginia Designated Adoption Versus Parental Placement

In the state of VA, adoptive parents and birth parents who have located each other without the assistance of an agency may choose between Designated Adoption (an agency is enlisted to assist in all aspects of the adoption process including taking parental entrustment and assuming custody) and Parental Placement (an agency is enlisted to do the required home study, birth parent counseling and simultaneous meeting while the adoptive and birth parents handle all the other adoption arrangements with the assistance of an attorney who is responsible for termination of parental rights. The agency does not take custody).

[See Complete Fee Schedule Below...](#)



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SUPPLEMENTAL FEE SCHEDULE (All fees once paid are non-refundable) Fees subject to change

Adoption Assistance for Domestic or Non AFTH International Adoptions

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| Application Fee | \$350 |
| Adoption Home Study* | |
| <u>For AFTH Domestic Home Study Only Clients</u> | |
| Home Study | \$1,400 |
| Home Study Update | \$ 850 |
| Ed Course Domestic..... | \$ 300 |
| <u>For International Families NOT in an AFTH program (non-Hague)</u> | |
| Home Study & education | \$2,000 |
| Home Study update..... | \$ 850 |
| <u>For International Families NOT in an AFTH Program (Hague)</u> | |
| Home Study & Ed Course..... | \$2,300 |
| Home Study update..... | \$1,000 |
| Home Study Review | \$300 |
| Home Study for second parent adoption (if partner had original home study done by AFTH)..... | \$750 |
| Emergency Home study..... | \$200/extra |
| Addendum (for moves, etc.)..... | \$300 |
| Co-Parent adoption study (CT only)..... | \$750 |
| Surrogacy & Embryo Home Study Assessment..... | \$1600 |
| International & Domestic Adoption Assistance Fee..... | \$500 |
| Transfer client files to another agency or attorney | \$200 |
| NJ Clearance Processing Fee..... | \$25 |
| NY Surrender Processing Fee (for identified adoptions) | \$1,500 |
| Family/Birth Parent Counseling* | \$100/hour |
| Cooperative Marketing Program Fee..... | 50% of placement fee in effect |
| Parental Placements (state of VA)* | |
| (\$1700 includes home study, a simultaneous visit) | |
| (\$1500 includes 2 post-placement visits in office, 1 in home and final court report) | \$1700 + \$1500 = \$3200 |
| (charge for addition of birthfather is \$300) | |
| Designated Adoption (state of VA)* | |
| Counseling for birth parents, education for adoptive parents, termination of parental rights..... | \$6,000 |
| Post-placement..... | \$1,500 |
| Identified Adoption | \$2,000/\$6,500/\$1,500= \$10000 |
| (Emergency cases will be charged an additional \$1,000) | |
| Intermediary Services Fee (no custody)* | |

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| Adoptive Family only (includes post placement reports) | \$3,500/\$1,500 = \$5,000 |
| Intermediary Services Fee (no custody) | |
| Birth Family as Client..... | \$3,000/\$4,500 = \$7,500 |
| NJ & CT 72-hr Surrender of Parental Rights & Consent to Adopt* (only for AFTH adoptions)..... | \$1,500 |
| CT Agency Fee to finalize adoption in CT..... | \$1,500 |
| NJ Adoption Complaint Investigation | |
| Preliminary Investigation & Court Report | \$ 750 |
| Home study..... | \$1,400 |
| Supervisory Reports (4) and Final Court Report.. .. | \$1,500 |
| DE Order of Reference (Home study/Social Study)* | \$1,600 |
| Interstate Compact Processing..... | \$1,500 |
| Post-Placement Supervisory Reports (1-1/2 fee for 2 children unless 2 reports required)* | \$300/each |
| Review of Post Placement Supervisory Reports if done by another agency..... | \$300 |
| Post Adoption Visitation between Birth and Adoptive Parents *..... | \$100/hour |
| Court Report for non-AFTH placements..... | \$750 |
| Report for Adoption Re-finalizations (international) | \$250 |
| Attendance of social worker at Court Hearing for finalization (when necessary)*..... | \$300 |
| Search Fees – | |
| Non-agency – preliminary charge..... | \$150 |
| Hourly charge..... | \$ 75 |
| AFTH placements – preliminary charge..... | \$50 |
| To continue with search..... | \$150 |
| YouTube Enhanced Marketing Program | |
| Placement fee for birth mother in agency service area..... | \$22,000 |
| Fee for assisting birth mother out of service area..... | \$2,000/\$9,000 |
| Plus fee to agency or attorney in state where birth mother resides. | |

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

*** Former clients of the agency pay less*