



## ADOPTION FEE SCHEDULE

This fee schedule was updated as of 7/1/2025

### INTRODUCTORY FEES *(non-refundable)*

Application Fee	Due with application	\$500
Virtual Group Orientation Meeting Fee		Free
Private Orientation Meeting Fee <i>(applied to any in person/virtual meeting prior to Home Study Application approval)</i>		\$250

### HOMESTUDY FEES

Domestic Adoption Home Study <sup>1</sup>	Due with application	\$2,450
International Adoption Home Study <sup>1</sup>	Due with application	\$3,000
Home Study Update	Due at time of service	\$1,000
Home Study Addendum	Due at time of service	\$250/hour
2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> Adoptions – Domestic <i>* When previous home study was completed by FCA</i>	Due with application	\$1,450
2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> Adoptions – International <i>* When previous home study was completed by FCA</i>	Due with application	\$2,000
Co-parent/Step-parent/Relative home study <i>(See attached fee schedule)</i>	Due upon completion	See sliding scale fee

### OTHER ADOPTION SERVICES *(for home study only clients)*

Interagency fee <i>(covers all administrative support, document delivery, and interagency communication from time of home study to placement)</i>	Due upon completion of home study	\$500
Post Placement <i>(A minimum of 2 post-placement/ adoption visits are required by FCA. Additional visits or phone calls (phone calls/virtual meetings are charged at \$250/hr rate) will be required as deemed necessary by FCA or as required by the placement agency.)</i>	Due at initiation of service	\$400/report
Adoption Finalization <i>(CT families who finalize in CT with the assistance of FCA) including court filing fee</i>	Due at time of service	\$1,750

## DOMESTIC ADOPTION

### AGENCY PLACEMENT

Enrollment Fee	Due upon enrollment	\$5,000
Acceptance Fee	Due upon placement of child	\$30,000

*\*Additional fees may include: birth parent living expenses, temporary foster care for the child prior to placement, and any medical expenses related to the child incurred.*

### PARENT INITIATED (“IDENTIFIED”) ADOPTION

Enrollment Fee	Due with application	\$2,000
Acceptance Fee	Due upon placement of child	See sliding scale fee
10% of our income with a minimum fee of \$15,250 and a maximum of \$30,000. Based on our total household income listed on our last 1040, the acceptance fee to Family & Children's Agency would be:		

*\*Additional fees may include: birth parent living expenses, temporary foster care for the child prior to placement, and any medical expenses related to the child incurred. \*Fees may also include: birth parent living expenses, temporary foster care for the child prior to placement, and any medical expenses related to the child incurred. This fee includes up to 12 hours of counseling for the expecting parents. Any additional counseling required will be billed hourly at FCA’s rate of \$250/hour. An individual fee agreement will be completed for each family based on the sliding scale and the needs of the case.*

### BIRTH PARENT COUNSELING SERVICES (WHEN FCA IS LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE)

Enrollment Fee	Due with application	\$2,000
Birth Parent Counseling	Due upon completion of services	\$15,250

*\*Additional fees may include: birth parent living expenses, temporary foster care for the child prior to placement, and any medical expenses related to the child incurred. This program is available to families residing outside of CT/NY and in the process of an adoption of a child born or currently residing in CT/NY: where FCA is contracted and legally responsible for the child. (CT law is used). An individual fee agreement will be completed for each family based on the needs of the case. \*Fees include FCA’s Statutory Parent/Legal Fee (\$7,500), counseling for the expecting parent(s), collaboration with ICPC and other agencies involved, submission of ICPC packet, and FCA’s Finalization Fee (\$1,750)*

### BIRTH PARENT COUNSELING SERVICES (CT LAW IS NOT USED)

Enrollment Fee	Due with application	\$2,000
Birth Parent Counseling Fee	Due upon completion of services	\$6,000

*\*Additional fees may include: birth parent living expenses, temporary foster care for the child prior to placement, and any medical expenses related to the child incurred. This program is available to families residing outside of CT/NY and in the process of adopting a child born or currently residing in CT/NY where FCA is contracted but not legally responsible. (Out of CT law is used) \*Fees include counseling for the expecting parent(s), collaboration with ICPC and other agencies involved, and submission of ICPC packet*

## **FAMILY & CHILDREN'S AGENCY FEES LISTED ABOVE ARE VALID UNTIL 07/01/2026.**

Please contact Family & Children's Agency for updated fee information if submitting application after 07/01/2026.

## **ALL NON-AGENCY ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE**

\*Please contact your Program Coordinator for details regarding non-agency fees.

<sup>1</sup> An hourly fee of \$250 will be assessed if the home study is not approved or if applicant withdraws prior to completion.

## **FEE AGREEMENT AND REFUND POLICY**

Family & Children's Agency shall be compensated for its services in accordance with the fee schedule outlined above. By signing this Agreement, the Adoptive Parent(s) acknowledge that they have reviewed the fee schedule and that they understand and accept the anticipated fees. Fees incurred to third parties during an adoption process are the financial responsibility of the applicant (ie. clearances, court fees, verifications, travel). The practice of Family & Children's Agency is to charge fees at each interval of the adoption process. If the adoption is, for any reason, discontinued, fees paid or incurred for services rendered up to the date of discontinuance shall not be recoverable and shall remain the obligation of the Adoptive Parent(s). Adoptive Parent(s) may only request a refund for fees paid if services have not yet been provided. Any requests for refunds must be made in writing. The Adoptive Parent(s) agree to pay all fees to Family and Children's Agency within thirty (30) days of the date they receive an invoice for services. All outstanding fees for services provided must be paid in full prior to the finalization of the home study and/or adoption.

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Applicant's Signature

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Date

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FCA Staff Member's Signature

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Date

## RELATIVE, STEP-PARENT, AND CO-PARENT ADOPTION FEE SCHEDULE

Connecticut Probate Courts require a brief home study in cases of relative, step-parent and co-parent adoptions. These may be prepared by licensed child placing agencies for a fee, or by the Department of Children and Families at no cost. In order to make services available to families and to cover costs of the study, Family & Children's Agency will assist families on a sliding scale based on verified household income, as follows:

Annual Income	Hourly fee
\$0 - \$40,000	\$100/hour
\$40,001 - \$80,000	\$150/hour
\$80,001 - \$120,000	\$200/hour
\$120,001 +	\$250/hour

