

# Home Study



*Adoptions From The Heart prepares home studies for families who are pursuing domestic or international adoption, private adoption or adoption through another agency. Home studies are required by law for domestic and international adoptions. Adoptions From The Heart can also provide pre-placement counseling to you and/or birth families, post-placement supervision, and court reports to help finalize your adoption. Home studies may be performed on an emergency basis if needed.*

## What is a Home Study?

A home study is a detailed written report required by the court and/or immigration about you and your family. This report requires you to gather different documents, answer several questions, and explore your reasons for adopting. Our experienced counselors will meet with you to complete the report while helping educate you on adoption by providing insight into the adoption process and preparing you for your journey to parenthood.

## A Home Study Consists of...

- Meetings with an adoption counselor.
- Completing required paperwork and providing supporting documents including financial and autobiographical details.
- Obtaining appropriate Criminal & Child Abuse Clearances for your state of residence and, at times, the state of residence of child's birthparents.
- Obtaining fingerprint clearances in your state of residence.
- Obtaining reference letters.
- Participating in an education course designed to cover program related issues.
- A visit to your home to describe your community and home environment.

## Home Study Services

### **Domestic Adoption**

Adoptions From The Heart was founded in 1985 as a domestic adoption agency and has continued to maintain strong roots in this area. As one of the highest domestic infant placing agencies on the east coast, Adoptions From The Heart has a longstanding excellence in providing services for families seeking domestic adoption services either through our agency another agency or a private attorney.

### **International Adoption**

Adoptions From The Heart is able to complete home studies for Non-Hague Convention adoptions. Adoptions From The Heart is able to complete home studies for Hague Convention adoptions if we have an exempt provider agreement with your placing agency. Please check with your primary placing agency to verify that they will accept a home study by Adoptions From The Heart.

### **Additional Services**

Adoptions From The Heart is a full service, non-profit agency licenses in PA, NJ, DE, NY, CT, and VA that can provide many services to you during your adoption journey. Please review the enclosed information and feel free to contact your local office of Adoptions From The Heart with any questions you may have regarding the home study process or any of our other adoption services and programs.



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## SUPPLEMENTAL FEE SCHEDULE (All fees once earned are non-refundable)

### Adoption Assistance Services

<b>Application Processing Fee</b>	\$500
For ACI	\$200
<b>Adoption Home Study*</b>	
For Independent Domestic Home Study Only Clients	
Home Study	\$2,200
Home Study Update	\$1,000
Expedited Fee	\$500
Home Study Review (if completed by another agency)	\$800
Addendum (for moves etc.)	\$750
Co-Parent Adoption Study (CT Only)	\$1,100
VA Required 6-month Pre-Placement home visits	\$500/each
Home visit required for home studies good for over 1 year	\$150/each
3-month home study extension fee	\$300
<b>For International Families</b>	
Home Study	\$3,000
Home Study Update	\$1,500
<b>Education for Domestic Home Study Only Clients</b>	
Preparing for Open Adoption Ed Course I Domestic	\$500
Ed Course II Domestic	\$500
Trans-racial Ed Course	\$500
Non-Newborn Adoption Education Course	\$500
Intersectionality Course	\$500
Coordination of International & Domestic Adoption Assistance Fee	\$1,000
Transfer client files to another agency or attorney	\$200
NY Surrender Witnessing Fee	\$500
Post Adoption Individual or family Counseling *	\$150/hour
Monthly Virtual Birthparent Support Group (non AFTH client)	\$50/session
Mentoring Program Application	\$50
Expectant Parent/Family Counseling *	\$1,500/\$1,500=\$3000

Parental Placements* (VA)	
home study and meeting between PAP & EP	\$2,700
Three Post Placement Visits and Report of Visitation	\$3,000
Charge for addition of Expectant father	\$300
Respite Care for baby/child each night	\$200
Initial Expectant parent assessment before Identified adoption services*	\$500
Identified/Designated Adoption	\$8,000/\$8,000/\$4,000 = \$20,000
Emergency service (with less than 1 month notice)	\$2,000
Twins or siblings	\$6,000
Post-Placement Reports* (3 years old or younger)	\$750/report
Post placement reports for twins (1 ½ X the fee)	\$1,125/report
Post-Placement Report (for a child 4 years and older)	\$1000/report
Ongoing correspondence	\$1,000
Legally Enforceable Post Adoption Contract Agreement	\$750
Medical Records – Obtained and redacted	\$500
Expectant Parent Searches	\$500
Payment of medical/housing expenses	\$500
Intermediary Services Fee* (no custody)	
Prospective Adoptive Family only	\$10,000
Emergency service (with less than 1 month notice)	\$2,000
Twins or siblings	\$6,000
Post-Placement Reports* (3 years old or younger)	\$750/report
Post placement reports for twins (1 ½ X the fee)	\$1,125/report
Post-Placement Report (for a child 4 years and older)	\$1000/report
Ongoing correspondence	\$1,000
Legally Enforceable Post Adoption Contract Agreement	\$750
Medical Records – Obtained and redacted	\$500
Expectant Parent Searches	\$500
Payment of medical/housing expenses	\$500
NJ Private Adoption (Adoption Complaint Investigation)	
Clearances Only (no application fee)	\$100
ACI & Report to Court	\$950
Home Study	\$2,200
Supervisory Reports (newborn to 3 yrs)	\$750/report
Supervisory Reports (4 yrs and up)	\$1,000/report
Final Court Report	\$500
DE Order of Reference (Home study/ Social Study for finalization)	\$2,200
DE Order of Reference (Services for Termination)	\$1,000/\$1,000=\$2,000

Interstate Compact Processing **	\$4,000
Domestic Post Placement Supervisory Reports* (3 yrs or younger)	\$750/report
Twins if they can be done in 1 visit and report	\$1,125/report
Domestic Post Placement for a child 4 or older	\$1,000/report
Post-Placement Phone Contact & Report	\$250/report
International Post Placement Supervisory Reports	\$1,000/report
Review of three (3) Post Placement Supervisory Reports if done by another agency	\$750
Family Placement Assistance for children in Foster Care	\$3,000
Post Placement Reports for children in Foster Care	\$1,000/report
Adoption Subsidy Assistance/Application Fee	\$2,500
Post Adoption Visitation between Birth and Adoptive Parents *	\$150/hour
Court Report for non – AFTH placements	\$750
Preliminary Court Report	\$250
Report for international Adoption Re-finalization	\$500
Court Report or Court Appearance (when necessary)*	\$500/each
Copy of Adoptive Family’s file when they request it	\$150
Home Visit and Assessment Report* (1 pg. report/2+ pages)	\$250/\$500
Search Fees	
Non Agency search fee – preliminary charge/hourly charge	\$75/\$150
AFTH placement Search Fees – preliminary charge/hourly charge	\$50/\$150
Affidavit of Fees for client not in domestic program	\$100

\*Travel Time: The charge is \$50/half hour

\*\*Military families will pay half the ICPC fee if required to move or deployed to another area during post-placement