

ADOPTION FEES and AGREEMENT



Fees

Monthly Adoption Information Meetings:	No Charge
Initial Consultation Session:	No Charge
Application:	\$300
Domestic Home Study:	\$2,400
International Home Study:	\$2,600
One-time Coordination fee (includes annual Home Study Update/s):	\$2,000
Update for Home Study from Another Agency	\$1,600
Update for Home Study Completed by Adoption Options for Subsequent Adoption:	\$1,600
Post-Placement Visit/Report for 1 Child:	\$450
Post-Placement Visit/Report for 2 or more Children:	\$550

***In urgent and/or time-sensitive situations, Adoption Options will consider expedited services for a home study. Expedited requests, as well as the fee for this service, must be approved by the Adoption Coordinator. Additional fees will be determined on a case-by-case basis but can range from \$500 to \$2500. If the service request is approved by the Program Coordinator, a contract will be signed outlining the fee and the expected services as well as service delivery.

Adoption Options Information

Adoption Options guides all families through the adoption process with a tradition of acceptance and inclusivity. We are a nonprofit, nonsectarian adoption program of Jewish Collaborative Services which is licensed to provide adoption services in both Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Our focus is to provide information, education, and support to prospective adoptive families, including the completion of domestic and international home studies, annual home study updates, and post placement visits, support, and reports. Adoption Options is not currently placing children for adoption but will work closely with the placement agency of your choice to ensure your goals are met.

Confidentiality is upheld in all forms of written and verbal communication. Your involvement with this agency will not be discussed with any outside party unless a written release is signed by you or in the case where state or federal regulation mandates the release of confidential information. This includes current suspected physical or sexual abuse, neglect of a child, or when the client poses the threat of danger to him/herself or others, or in the case where a record is subpoenaed by a court of law.

In case of emergency, the on-call professional will return your call within one hour. The answering service can be reached after hours at 1-800-337-6513 and will contact the professional on call. If your call is routine, please call during business hours.

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Services



Adoption Information Meetings:

No Charge

Adoption Options holds free information meetings virtually or at the Providence office on the third Thursday of each month from 6-7pm. An RSVP for the meeting is required. If we do not receive any RSVPs, the meeting will not be held. Please note, if that time is not convenient for you, a free private consultation session can be scheduled.

Consultation Session:

No Charge

A one-time adoption information and consultation meeting is offered to individuals and couples interested in learning more about the adoption process and the associated fees. This can be done in our office or virtually.

Home Study Application Fee:

\$300

This fee is due when the Home Study application is submitted and is **non-refundable**. It covers the costs of:

- Administrative tasks related to creating an electronic and paper file
- Review of the application
- Processing of the application
- Collection of documents related to the home study application

Domestic Home Study Fee:

\$2,400

International Home Study Fee:

\$2,600

This fee is due at least one week prior to your first scheduled meeting but is fully refundable if clients cancel services prior to their first meeting. If services are terminated by clients after one meeting, 50% of the Home Study fee will be refunded. If services are terminated by clients after two meetings, 25% of the fee will be refunded.

This fee covers the costs of:

- Administrative tasks
- The collection of all required documents
- Interviews (3-5 are required)
- Home visit(s), travel and safety walk-through visit of home
- The gathering of collateral information and service planning
- Personal reference checks
- Employment verification
- Review of financial information and taxes
- Review of adoptive family's medical forms
- Reviewing results of criminal background checks
- Reviewing results of child protective services background checks
- Review of fingerprint results
- Preparing, writing, and finalizing the Home Study
- Unlimited notarized copies of Home Studies
- Home Study approval letter
- For International Home Studies: Ensuring that the Home Study meets the country requirements and USCIS requirements.

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Adoption Coordination Fee:

\$2,000

This fee is due when the Home Study has been finalized by Adoption Options.
The fee is **non-refundable**.

This fee covers the costs of:

- Administrative tasks
- Coordination of all necessary communication with other agencies and professionals
- Sending and receiving of interagency agreements
- Assisting the prospective adoptive family in navigating the next phase of the adoption journey
- All verbal and written communication/documentation to an agency, facilitator, attorney, etc.
- Consultations about birth parent matches
- Communication and documents related to the Interstate Compact on Placement of Children (ICPC)
- Monthly check-ins by the adoption professional
- Unlimited access to adoption professional for support
- Maintaining the adoptive family's file, keeping it current and active in accordance with regulations
- Unlimited re-issuing of Home Study
- Unlimited Home Study changes/revisions
- Unlimited Home Study addendums (needed when a family has a major change in life circumstances)
- Unlimited Home Study updates (needed annually to keep the original Home Study current)

Post-Placement Services for a Single Child:

\$450 (per visit and report)

Post-Placement Services for 2 or more children

\$550 (per visit and report)

This fee is due at least one week prior to the scheduled post placement visit. If services are canceled prior to the visit, the fee is refundable. Once the visit is completed, fees are non-refundable.

This fee covers the costs of:

- Administrative tasks
- Adoption worker's travel
- Adoption worker's home visit
- Communication with collaterals involved with adoption
- Corresponding postplacement report
- Unlimited copies of the postplacement report

Update for Home Study from Another Agency

\$1,900 (includes \$300 Application Fee)

- This fee is charged when a prospective adoptive family has had a Home Study completed by a different adoption agency and would like Adoption Options to update it.

Update for a Subsequent Adoption:

\$1,900 (includes \$300 Application Fee)

- This fee is charged when a family had a Home Study completed by Adoption Options for a previous, completed adoption and would like to adopt an additional child.



Other Important Information:

- Although infrequent, the status of the Home Study may change as events in prospective adoptive parents' lives change and/or other information is made available to us. Adoption Options reserves the right to withdraw approval based on information received from the time of the initial approval.
- Adoption Options of Jewish Collaborative Services retains the right to terminate adoption services for good cause at any time, based solely upon the assessment of Adoption Options' professionals. There is no refund should Adoption Options terminate services. Clients may also terminate services at any time and may receive a partial refund as outlined above.
- Grievance Procedure: Jewish Collaborative Services acknowledges that clients have a right to file complaints about substandard care and appeal decisions when they disagree with the resolution of the complaint. The agency will not retaliate against a client who lodges a grievance or submits a complaint. We will acknowledge receipt of your written complaint within **two** working days and initiate a process to resolve your complaint within **ten** working days of its receipt. Please let us know if you would like a full description of our grievance procedure.

SIGNATURES

Signing this fee agreement signifies that you understand Adoption Options Services and Fee Structure and agree to pay fees as outlined in this agreement.

Applicant 1

Date

Applicant 2

Date

If you have any questions about fees or services, please reach out to Carol Wild, Adoption Options Coordinator (cwild@jfsri.org) or JC Roussel, Director of Community Services (janelle@jfsri.org).