

HEART AND SOUL ADOPTIONS

YOUR FULL-SERVICE LICENSED CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY



Fee Agreement

The Agency charges fees for the placement of a child in a home for adoption. The Agency's fees start at \$18,500.00 but are calculated on a case by case basis depending on each birth mothers specific situation. Any person who chooses to adopt through the Agency must agree to pay the fees as they are invoiced to them or as agreed upon previously. However, the Agency will make diligent effort to disclose fees well in advance of the invoicing.

Adoption fees consist of the following:

AGENCY FEE AND ADOPTIVE PARENTS SERVICES

Covers Agency overhead, business related costs and the costs associated with the services that the Agency provides to the prospective adoptive parents.

COUNSELING AND RELINQUISHMENT SERVICES

Utah law requires that agencies provide birth mothers with at least two (2) face to face counseling sessions prior to their consenting to the adoption of the child. Each State has its own requirements as to how many counseling sessions are needed. Many birth mothers require additional counseling.

BIRTH PARENT SERVICES

Birth Mothers are entitled to financial assistance if it has been determined they are in need. The Agency will assist with food, rent, utilities and misc. expenses prior to delivery. Birth Mother's are also entitled to receive assistance during her confinement period.

MEDICAL EXPENSES

Some birthmothers do not qualify for Medicaid and do not have their own insurance. Under these circumstances, the Agency will pay for the birth mother's medical costs ONLY as follows: in the event of a delivery that takes place in Utah, the Agency will pay up to \$6,500 for birth mother medical costs. Any remaining birth mother medical expenses shall be borne by you. In the event of a delivery that takes place outside of the State of Utah, the Agency will pay all costs associated with a "normal" vaginal delivery, as determined by the Agency. Any remaining birth mother medical expenses shall be borne by you. The adopted children will need to be covered by you or by your insurance.

I/We hereby acknowledge that we have read the foregoing provision regarding Medical Expenses and understand each and every part and portion thereof.

Husband Initial _____ Wife Initial _____

ADVERTISING FOR BIRTH MOTHERS

The Agency receives some birth mothers as referrals from other agencies. The Agency also advertises on the Internet and through phone books. There are costs associated with these services which will be part of the Agency's fees.

The Agency's fees do NOT include the following:

HOME-STUDY AND POST PLACEMENT VISITS

You will be required to pay for a pre-placement home-study at the time it is conducted. In Utah you will also be required to pay for 2 post-placement visits after a child has been placed in your home for adoption (other states may require more or less visits). The cost for your home-study and post placement visits varies depending on the social worker who conducts them. All Utah Adoptive Parents are required to use a Heart and Soul Social Worker to conduct post placement visits.

TRAVEL

You are responsible for all travel expenses, for you and/or for the birth mother. If the birthmother has been flown to Utah without first being matched, then once she is matched we require the family with whom the match has taken place to reimburse the Agency for the birth mother's plane ticket. This fee must be paid as soon as the birth mother has been matched with an adoptive family NOT when the baby is born (this fee is non refundable). If the birth mother has chosen you before she comes to Utah, then we will ask you to reimburse the agency as soon as the ticket is purchased. If the birthmother has chosen to stay in her home state, then you will be responsible for your family's travel to that home state, along with all other travel costs associated with the trip.

LEGAL

The adoptive family is responsible for the court and legal costs associated with finalizing the adoption. As an important reminder: you need to retain an attorney immediately upon placement of the child so the attorney can start the paperwork.

ALL OTHER FEES AND COSTS

Any other fees and costs associated with the adoption of a child through the Agency will be your responsibility.

We (I) understand that no adoption can take place until all Agency fees are paid as agreed. Further, all Agency fees that are paid are non-refundable. We (I) also understand that the placement of a child is not guaranteed by paying the Agency fee. We (I) understand that our home-study must be approved by the Agency in order for us to have a child placed with us (me). Finally the post-placement study must find the placement to be satisfactory, and any medical costs must be fully paid before the Agency can recommend finalization of the adoption.

If you reside in a state that requires birth-parent termination, any fees associated with such will be your.

Denise Garza (*Executive Director*) _____ Date _____

Adoptive Mother _____ Date _____

Adoptive Father _____ Date _____