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Pregnancy Counseling & Adoption Services Program

FEE AGREEMENT FOR DESIGNATED ADOPTION

Adoptive Family and Expectant Parent in Colorado

Application Fee

\$400

This fee includes the processing of the adoption application and all background checks, including CBI, FBI, and Child Abuse Registries. This fee is due with the submission of the application.

Adoption Education Fee

\$500 per couple/\$250 per individual

This fee is for the mandatory classes required by the State of Colorado for all adoptive applicants. Fee is due prior to attending class. This class may be waived if the family verifies completion of the class.

Home Study and Placement

\$2,000

This fee covers the SAFE home study assessment and casework services regarding the placement, including hospital coordination and foster care licensing. Fee is due prior to beginning the home study.

Post Placement

\$1,500

This fee covers the post placement visits, reports to the court, family support and referral for services, monitoring of the foster care license, and subsidy application if applicable. Fee is due at placement of the child in the home.

Adoption Finalization in Colorado

\$1,000

This fee covers the adoption finalization process in Jefferson County District Court and is due at the time the child is legally freed for adoption. This fee would be waived if the client does not utilize LFS for finalization services by retaining their own attorney.

Expectant Parent Counseling

\$5,500

This fee includes counseling for expectant parents, caseworker coordination between the birth and adoptive family, preparation and filing of legal documents and legal fees incurred with the relinquishment/termination of parental rights in an uncontested adoption case, locating and serving all birth fathers, birth plan and hospital coordination, options counseling, and securing birth certificates. Fee is due at the signing of this Agreement and the Disclosure of Information and Adoption Service Agreement. This fee is completely non-refundable regardless of the outcome of the adoption or the amount of services completed. In the event the expectant family decides to withdraw from counseling and decides to parent, no refunds will occur regardless of the timing of this decision. Fees are not transferable to an adoption involving any other expectant parent.

Total Fees

\$ 10,900

Possible Additional Fees

Pregnancy-related expenses that may include, but not be limited to, rent, transportation, food, maternity clothes, phone, and other basic needs, will be the responsibility of the adoptive parents.

Medical expenses, including all expenses not covered by insurance for prenatal care, delivery, and hospital care will be the responsibility of the adoptive parent.

Cradle Care (temporary foster care) will be billed at \$50 per day if the adoptive family is not able to accept placement at the time of birth.

Addendums to the home study due to relocation of the family will be \$250.

All SAFE Home Studies are valid for 12 months from the date of approval. In order to maintain approval and remain in compliance with licensing regulations, a home study update needs to be complete prior to the expiration date. Adoptive families are responsible for the agency fee of \$500 to update their home study.

The filing fee to finalize the adoption in Colorado is \$167 and must be paid directly to the court by the adoptive parents.

If the adoptive parents do not wish to finalize in Jefferson County, they will be responsible for retaining an attorney at their own expense. \$1000 will be discounted from post placement fees.

In the event that the adoptive family chooses to retain an attorney, they are responsible for all such fees. The adoptive family shall also be responsible to pay to the Agency all of their legal fees and costs associated with litigation and appeals in a contested adoption. A contested adoption may result in substantial legal fees, for which the adoptive family is responsible.

Adoptive family is also responsible for the cost of copies of birth mother's medical records, private investigator to locate birth father(s), certified orders, legal publication, process server fees, courier service, FedEx, registered mailings, and birth certificate fees charged by vital records.

Adoptive parents living more than 160 miles round trip from the Denver, Fort Collins or Colorado Springs offices will be billed mileage of 55 cents per mile for all miles in excess of 160. Per Diem expenses may also apply.

Additional Information for Discounted Fees

Adoption Core Classes may be waived if already completed. A verification of completion of classes as well as the course agency must be submitted to be considered for the waiver.

Fees are never discounted because of the age, special needs, or medical issues of the child.

No additional fees will be charged for siblings, including twins.

Agreement

We have read and agree to this fee agreement. We understand that fees are incurred for services provided and not for the placement of a child. We agree to pay the fees billed regardless of whether or not the adoption occurs. In the event that we withdraw from the program, we agree to pay all fees incurred and due. The agency reserves the right to rescind approval status at any time and LFS will retain all fees for services already provided. Fees for services already provided are non-refundable in all

circumstances. We understand that all payments are due upon receipt of billing. Final consent for adoption will be given when all fees are paid in full.

We understand that failure to pay fees in a timely manner may result in collections actions or legal proceedings. We further understand and agree that any attorney fees and expenses incurred by the Agency for collection of fees and costs owed shall be the responsibility of the adoptive parents.

Adoptive Parent

Date

Adoptive Parent

Date

LFS Representative