



Description of Fees

Connecting Hearts places a high priority on providing quality and thorough adoption services to families in Wyoming. We are sensitive to the many costs associated with the adoption process and endeavor to provide our services at a reasonable rate that enables families who feel strongly about adoption to pursue it. We generally require a 50% deposit to begin services, with full payment due after the completion of services. If you have questions about our current fee schedule, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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| Home Study Fee: This is the standard fee we charge for all home studies. This fee includes 1-2 in home visits by a Connecting Hearts social worker. This does not include the cost associated with criminal background checks and child abuse registry checks. (HS1) | \$950 |
| International Home Study Fee: Due to the increased documentation and in-home interviews associated with home studies for the use in international adoption, an additional fee will apply. (HS2) | \$1450 |
| Expedited Home Study Fee: A typical domestic home study takes approximately 3 months to complete, depending on client participation, background checks, references, and other factors. If your situation does not allow for that time frame and you require a completed home study prior to 3 months from the contract date, an additional fee will apply. (HS3) | \$300 additional |

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| Home Study Addendum Fee: Changes made to your current home study after finalization will result in an additional fee. (HSA) | \$55 |
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| Home Study Update Fee: This is the standard fee charged for all home study updates. Home studies are required to be updated every 12 months. This does not include costs associated with criminal background checks and child abuse registry checks. (U1) | \$400 |
| International Home Study Update Fee: Due to the increased documentation and in-home interviews associated with home studies for the use in international adoption, an additional fee will apply. (U2) | \$550 |
| Out of Agency Home Study Update Fee: If your original home study was completed by an agency other than Connecting Hearts, an additional fee will apply. (U3) | \$500 |
| Expedited Home Study Update Fee: If you require your home study update completion prior to 6 weeks from contract date, an additional fee will apply. (U4) | \$200 additional |

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| Post Placement Reports: The State of Wyoming requires monthly in-home supervisory visits and reports during the pre-finalization period. This fee does not include the social worker's mileage reimbursement. (PP1) | \$300 per report |
| Post Placement Multiple Reports Fee: Some placements require multiple reports for a single family. This will result in an additional fee, per additional report. (PP2) | \$100 |

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| Website Photo Listing Fee: Highlight your family's efforts to adopt on the Connecting Hearts Website. One-time fee keeps your family's profile active until placement. (W1) | \$100 |
| Child Placing Service Fee: Services related to supporting birth family and adoptive family throughout the adoption process. This fee applies only to families who are matched with an adoptive placement by Connecting Hearts. Includes coordination of appropriate forms and documents in hospital and with ICPC and other regulatory agencies. Does not include attorney fees or birthparent expenses. (M1) | \$5000 |

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| Mileage Fee: Charged per mile for all professional services on behalf of a client, including home visits. (V1) | \$.51/mile |
| Court Testimony ½ Day Fee: Up to 4 hours of courtroom availability by Connecting Hearts employee. All courtroom appearances must be procured through a subpoena. Includes all preparation time for court. (V2) | \$300 |
| Court Testimony Full Day Fee: Up to 8 hours of courtroom availability by Connecting Hearts employee. All courtroom appearances must be procured through a subpoena. Includes all preparation time for court. (V3) | \$600 |
| Hourly Fee: Sometimes adoption work does not fall under a specific service. If you require professional services not otherwise described above, an hourly fee may apply. All hourly work must be agreed upon prior to commencement with client understanding of any potential charges that may be incurred. (V4) | \$45/hour |
| Additional Costs: Where circumstances require an overnight stay, clients are responsible for reasonable accommodations and meals associated with the social worker's travel. | Varies – within federal per diem limits |