

Adoption by Gentle Care Pre-Arranged/Targeted Program

Description

Many birth parents now are discovered directly by adoptive parents and it is often necessary and wise to enlist the assistance of a licensed child placement agency to help with and/or effectuate a placement. Gentle Care is available to assist adopting parents, obstetricians, attorneys, or other adoption service organizations or individuals with the placement of a child in a pre-arranged circumstance. In these cases, a source other than Gentle Care identifies a birth parent who wishes to place with a particular adopting couple who may or may not be currently adopting through Gentle Care. Gentle Care will make the pre-arranged adoption placement provided the couple meets all agency requirements for home study approval. Gentle Care facilitates the Home Study or Home Study review, coordinates birth parent services and interstate compact approval (if applicable), and answers jurisdictional questions that develop.

Ohio Adoptive Family Fees *(All fees are non-refundable and subject to change.)*

- \$ 1,600.00 Administrative Processing and Home Study fee (due before work begins with the birth parents and prior to first Home Study visit)

- \$ 2,850.00 Placement fee (due upon placement) This includes facilitation of Certified Adoption Assessor requirements, counseling with birthparents and their families, executing the legal surrender and placement documents and the Finalization Report including supporting documents submitted in Franklin County.

- \$ 500.00 Medicaid application for baby

- \$ 750.00 Post-Placement Visit fee (due upon placement.)

- \$ 5,700.00 **Medical expenses are NOT included in this total**

Estimated medical expenses are escrowed at placement. The final total depends on actual medical bills. Adoptive parents will receive a full accounting of expenses. (See Medical and Additional Fees)

If Gentle Care is performing a Home Study Review or Home Study Update, the Administrative Processing and Home Study fee will be adjusted accordingly. There may be other possible charges depending upon each specific situation. Specifically, if any legal fees are incurred by Gentle Care, the Adoptive Family will be responsible for these fees up to a maximum of \$900.00.

Out of State Adoptive Family Fees (All fees are non-refundable and subject to change.)

- \$ 900.00 Administrative Processing and Home Study fee (due before work begins with the birth parents and prior to first Home Study visit)
- \$ 2,850.00 Placement fee (due upon placement) This includes facilitation of Certified Adoption Assessor requirements, counseling with birthparents and their families, executing the legal surrender and placement documents and the Finalization Report including supporting documents submitted in Franklin County.
- \$ 500.00 Medicaid application for baby
- \$ 600.00 ICPC (Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children)
- \$ 150.00 Out of State Finalization
- \$ 5,000.00 **Medical expenses are NOT included in this total**

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Independent Home Study and/or Supervisory Reports

Gentle Care is available to assist attorneys, courts, and/or Interstate offices by performing Home Studies and Post-Placement services for adoptions through sources other than Gentle Care, including International Adoptions. We have a 23-year reputation for providing professional, efficient, and thorough Home Studies to agencies and courts nationwide. The Home Study fee is \$1,150.00 with an additional \$200.00 if the Home Study needs to be completed within 30 days. This fee includes three (3) originals of the Home Study. The fee for Pre-Finalization Supervisory Visits is \$750.00 for seven (7) visits due at the first visit, or \$125.00 per visit for Domestic adoption, and \$175 per visit for an International adoption. Mileage in the amount of \$.50.5 per mile will be added if the social worker has to travel more than 60 miles round trip.

Independent Assessor Services

Gentle Care is also available to assist other agencies, attorneys and courts by providing Assessor Services to birth parents. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services require that Social Workers and Counselors who work with birth parents and adoptive parents be certified by the state as Adoption Assessors. The Social Work staff at Gentle Care is Certified Adoption Assessors, and as such, can meet with birth parents who are working with attorneys, courts, or adoption facilitators. The state requires certain paperwork be completed with the birth parents by a Certified Adoption Assessor. We perform these services for a fee of \$75.00 per hour plus mileage.