

2025 Choosing Hope Adoptions Fees

*All Fees are Subject to Change, Last updated 9/12/25

Adoption Process		
Step 3: Application	\$500 AND \$325	Non-refundable fee Married couples: \$325 due to Encompass Connection Center for marriage assessment process
Step 4: Education	\$650	Pre-adoption Education
Step 6: Home Study	\$2,100	Due before second visit can be scheduled *If adoptive family delays the home study more than 6 months from the start of the home study, an additional \$200 fee will be assessed
Step 7: Custom Adoption Profile Book	\$1,850	\$1,850 due to Kindred & Co for Custom Adoption Profile Book. Trust the professionals- do not use Templates or Review. CHA families can receive \$200 off by using code CHFAM at checkout. *required step to be discussed with your social worker during Home Study
Step 8: Waiting to be Chosen (program entrance fee)	\$1,500	This fee provides ongoing support for waiting families and expecting moms. Fee assessed at the beginning of the adoptive parent waiting period.
Step 9: Accepting the Match	\$500	Social Worker and administrative fee to process necessary paperwork for placement
Step 10: Placement	\$16,500 AND \$5,000	Balance due at Placement. (twins or two sibling adoptions: \$26,000) Birth Mother Living Expenses per Ohio law (not to exceed \$6,000) CHA will fundraise the first \$1,000 of these birth mom expenses.
Step 11: Post Placement Visits (up to 7) and Finalization Paperwork	\$2,050	Balance due at Placement
Mileage for social worker travel (round trip)	\$.68 per mile	Billed after finalization– cost per mile determined per Government standard

Additional Expenses

Waiting Child Adoption	\$2,500	Balance due when enrolling. Includes up to 40 staff hours or the length of your Home Study certification, whichever comes first.
Embryo Adoption	No fee	Referral to embryo adoption agency.
Interstate Compact (if required)	\$750	Due at Placement. Required when adoption involves two states.
Large Family Assessment	\$650	Required for families who will have more than 4 children in the home (including adoptive placement)
Birth Parent Attorney Fees	Situation based	Due at time of attorney invoice
Home Study Update	\$1000	Due at time of Home Study Update
Home Study Amendment	\$300 if no travel is required \$550 if travel is required	Due at time of Amendment (address change, new household member, etc.)
Adoption Subsidy Filing	\$500 Substantial Risk + \$500 Application for Monthly Stipend + \$500 for SSI if needed	Most Ohio situations will apply for Substantial Risk Only. Instances with significant special needs will want to consider a monthly stipend. Out of state placement of a child with special needs will require SSI approval
Court Appearance	\$200	Due at time of hearing
Grant Application Assistance	\$25/Hour	Invoiced as Needed
Case Plan, Semi Annual Review, 90 Day Review	\$600	Invoiced as Needed
Transition Care for Baby	\$35 per day	In cases where placement cannot immediately occur
Document/Case Management	\$90/hour	In cases where reports, paperwork, visits, travel, meetings, etc. outside the standard adoption process are needed
Openness Visits	\$50 virtual/ \$100 in person	Fee for CHA's involvement in post placement openness visits after a risk assessment has been approved by the Choosing Hope team
Financial Policy		

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All fees are non-refundable except under conditions of the Financial Policy due to a Change of Heart. In the case of a Change of Heart all Unused Birthmother Living/Medical Expenses and Legal Fees will be rolled over to another placement. If the adoptive family disrupts or decides not to proceed (except in cases of special needs delivery) all fees are non-refundable except the unused Birth Mother Living/Medical expenses and unused Legal Fees. Financial policy only applies to fees paid by the family to Choosing Hope Adoptions. Home Study Fees are billed when services are rendered and are non-refundable. All fees are subject to change.

A Note About our Costs: Our costs are significantly lower than the average cost of private infant adoption, but adoption is costly! Choosing Hope Adoptions does a substantial amount of fundraising on your behalf to keep the costs to you low while maintaining the best possible care for the adoption triad. On average we fundraise just under 50% of our annual budget; this works out to raising around \$15,000 per adoptive placement.

Funds granted from outside grant entities to adoptive families:

- If you receive more grant funding than you have due to Choosing Hope Adoptions, reimbursement will be considered for fees paid within the same calendar year

Expectation of Payment:

- A monthly 5% late fee will be assessed for late payments. Extended time may be considered should families have pending grants.
- No adoption can be finalized if there is an outstanding balance on your account.

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