

The Barker Adoption Foundation
Schedule of Domestic Infant In Area and Out of Area Program
Adoption Fees and Estimated Expenses
Effective July 2020

Name: _____

Address: _____

The Barker Adoption Foundation is a private, non-profit child-placing agency licensed in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Our In Area domestic adoption program is financed primarily through adoption fees and donations. Fees are on a sliding scale based on a comprehensive assessment of the total household income as verified in the initial, approved home study. We use combined family income as reported by parent(s) and verified by employer and tax reports to determine eligibility for Barker’s sliding scale. A description of The Barker Adoption Foundation’s In Area adoption services, the associated fees and the schedule for their payment are included in the tables below. This document serves as a fee agreement between The Barker Adoption Foundation and the adoptive parent(s) named above.

Please note that fees payable to The Barker Adoption Foundation may be paid by check or credit card.

SERVICES OFFERED	ASSOCIATED FEE
Application Fee (includes the work of Barker’s Application Review Committee)	\$550 – <i>All families</i>
Pre-adoption Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Educational Meetings 	\$300/couple; \$175/single
Intake Interview: Application interviews with intake and domestic program staff. (<i>Fee due at selection of intake appointment date, and prior to appointment confirmation</i>)	\$350 – <i>All families</i>
<u>Phase I:</u> Counseling, evaluation, and administrative support during the home study paperwork process. (<i>Fee due after intake meeting is complete, and application has been approved*</i>)	\$1,000 – <i>All families</i>

<p>Technology Fee <i>(Families will receive access to the portal upon payment of this fee)</i></p>	<p>\$250– <i>All families</i></p>
<p><u>Phase II:</u> Home study meetings with social worker, preparation of adoption home study document; Waiting Parents’ Support Meetings; ongoing support from Barker Adoption Foundation staff, including guidance and review of the adoptive parents’ scrap book* <i>(Fee due prior to assignment of homestudy worker)</i>.</p> <p>For families accepted into the In Area Program: Outreach and networking by pregnancy counselors to individuals experiencing unplanned pregnancies. This phase also incorporates an expectant birth parent fund which is a communal fund into which all families in the In Area program contribute, which covers the costs of living expenses for expectant parents where allowed by law. <i>(Fee due after home study completion and upon acceptance into the In Area program)</i></p> <p>Home Study Mileage & Travel Fee (only applicable to families residing more than 50 miles from Barker’s Bethesda office and covers one home visit during the home study process) <i>(Fee due at time of home study commencement)</i></p>	<p>\$3,000 – <i>All families</i></p> <p>\$1500 -<i>In Area families only</i></p> <p>\$200 (for families residing between 50 and 100 miles from Bethesda office)</p> <p>\$400, plus .55 per mile for every mile driven over 200 for a home visit (for families who live more than 100 miles away from Bethesda office)</p>
<p>Parent Finder (Online Profile & Family Book): Adoption Profile Creation and Digital Marketing for waiting families who choose to be featured online as a way to increase visibility and likelihood of selection by birth parent. Home study approved families will register directly with Parent Finder to create their online family profile & family book.</p>	<p>\$700 – <i>All families who choose to be featured online.</i></p> <p>*** fees paid directly to Parent Finder</p>
<p>Pre-Placement Visit: When required by state licensing guidelines.</p>	<p>\$350 – <i>All families (when applicable)</i></p>

<p>Phase III: Discussions and/or meeting with Barker staff to receive referral of child, including the birth parents' social-medical history; facilitation of meetings with birth parents; counseling at time of child's birth; coordination with hospital staff and foster parents; discussion and development of post-placement agreements; counseling with birth parents at the hospital; preparation and filing of Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC); social worker visits with child in foster home; three post-placement visits after child is with adoptive parents; coordination with adoptive parents' attorney and court for adoption finalization. <i>(Fee due at time of placement)</i></p> <p>If a child is placed through Out of Area services, Phase III covers three post-placement visits after child is with adoptive parents; coordination with adoptive parents' attorney and/or placement agency for the adoption finalization. <i>(Fee due prior to first post placement visit)</i>.</p> <p>Barker's phase III fee covers up to three post-placement visits and associated reports for In Area and Out of Area services. The court may require additional reports. The fee for each additional post-placement visit/report is \$350. <i>(Fee due prior to additional visit)</i>.</p> <p>Post Placement Mileage & Travel Fee-only applicable to families residing more than 50 miles from Barker's Bethesda office. <i>(Fee due at time of placement)</i></p>	<p>Balance of Sliding Scale Fee. Fees from Phase I and II are applied to the placement fee. – <i>In Area placements only</i></p> <p>\$1000 – <i>Out of Area families only</i></p> <p>\$350 – <i>All families</i></p> <p>\$400 (for families residing between 50 and 100 miles from Bethesda office)</p> <p>\$800, plus .55 per mile for every mile driven over 200 for a home visit (for families who live more than 100 miles away from Bethesda office)</p>
<p>Reserves for Pass Through Expenses such as DNA testing; termination of parental rights; private investigators; foster care and medical expenses not covered by insurance.</p>	<p>\$6000 – Held in reserves by Barker and paid directly to vendor. – <i>In Area placements only</i></p>

<p>The balance of unused escrow funds will be returned when the adoptive family provides the Barker Adoption Foundation with a copy of the final decree. <i>(Fees due at time of placement)</i>.</p> <p>In the event that unforeseen additional fees and expenses are incurred, the Agency charges such additional fees and expenses only under the following conditions: (1) the fees and expenses are disclosed in writing to the prospective adoptive parent(s); and (2) Written receipts are provided to the prospective adoptive parent(s) for fees and expenses paid directly by the Agency.</p>	
<p>Annual Homestudy Update</p> <p>Includes update meeting(s) with social worker, administrative support with homestudy update document collection, and preparation of adoption homestudy update report. <i>(Fees due annually until match)</i>.</p> <p>Addendum to Original Homestudy: Any written changes to the report after it has been approved, finalized, and signed. Some changes may require a further clinical interview and home visit from the assigned social worker. <i>(Fees due prior to engagement of homestudy worker.)</i></p> <p>Expanded Homestudy Update, as needed (eg. when returning after an approved hold status). <i>(Fees due prior to engagement of home study worker.)</i></p> <p>Home Study Update Mileage & Travel Fee (only applicable to families residing more than 50 miles from Barker’s Bethesda office) <i>(Fee due at time of home study update commencement)</i></p>	<p>\$500- <i>All families</i></p> <p><i>All families</i></p> <p>HS Report update; no visit required - \$100</p> <p>HS Report update; visit required - \$350</p> <p>\$750 - <i>All families</i></p> <p>\$200 (for families residing between 50 and 100 miles from Bethesda office)</p> <p>\$400, plus .55 per mile for every mile driven over 200 for a home visit (for families who live more than 100 miles away from Bethesda office)</p>
<p>Annual Installment/Outreach fee for In Area families for continued pregnancy counselor support, networking, and</p>	<p>\$1000 – <i>In Area families only</i></p>

engagement. (<i>Fee due annually until match</i>).	
<p>Finalization Fees</p> <p>Prior to finalizing the adoption, some states may require specific finalization reports (eg. Report of Investigation), and court appearances along with written court reports (eg. District of Columbia). These fees are paid only when applicable. (<i>Fees due prior to services being rendered.</i>)</p>	<p><i>All families, as applicable</i></p> <p>Finalizing in District of Columbia: Interim Report - \$175 Finalization Report - \$275</p> <p>Finalizing in Virginia: Report of Investigation - \$275</p> <p>Finalizing in DC/VA Written court report; visit required - \$350</p> <p>Court appearance - \$350</p> <p>Other specialized services billed at rate of \$35 p/hr plus any travel expenses incurred.</p>
<p>Third Party Fees:</p> <p>Online Trainings</p> <p>Finalization: Attorney retained for finalization and engaged by family</p>	<p>Fee to be determined by Adoption Learning Partners – estimated \$80 per family, paid directly to ALP.</p> <p>Fees determined by attorney. Estimated \$1500-\$2400</p>

DOMESTIC IN AREA PROGRAM – SLIDING SCALE

Total Income**	Fee
Less Than \$75,000	\$17,000
\$75,001 - \$125,000	\$21,000
\$125,001 - \$175,000	\$25,000
\$175,001 - \$225,000	\$29,000
\$225,001 +	\$33,000

**DC resident fees are based on per capita income for a family of five. Each additional family member will reduce the fee by 5% per member.

Refund Policy

Barker has established a fee structure permitting applicants to pay agency fees in phases over the course of the adoption process. Because Barker’s work with applicants is

ongoing, and because applicants pay fees as services are rendered, fees cannot be refunded for services already rendered. Any returns should be on a case-by-case basis, at the discretion of Barker.

Information Disclosure

If a family fails to properly disclose information, misrepresents material on the application or during the home study process, or in any way places the agency and its interests at risk, The Barker Adoption Foundation reserves the right to terminate the adoption process without providing any refund. The Executive Director or the Domestic Program Director retains the right to assess individual cases and determine refunds for atypical cases.

I/we, the undersigned, have read and understand the above fee schedule. I/we understand that The Barker Adoption Foundation reserves the right to terminate, without liability or obligation, its consideration of an applicant at any point before the child(ren)'s entering the family's custody. The Barker fees set forth in this agreement will not change during the course of this adoption, unless additional requirements are placed on the Baker Adoption Foundation by virtue of us moving to, and needing to comply with, the requirements of another jurisdiction or, if additional requirements are placed on Barker Adoption Foundation by the sending country, state, attorney or placement agency. This may include, but will not be limited to, a request for additional home visits or reports. Fees are due for all services rendered, regardless of whether a child is placed and regardless of who terminates the process.

This agreement does not supersede the terms of the Service Agreement, dated, _____, which remains in full force and effect.

Adoptive Parent Signature

Date

Adoptive Parent Signature

Date

Barker Representative Signature

Date