

**The Barker Adoption Foundation**  
**Project Wait No Longer Adoption Fees**  
**& Estimated Expenses**  
*Effective August 2020*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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The Barker Foundation is a private, non-profit child-placing agency licensed in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Our comprehensive domestic adoption program is financed primarily through adoption fees and donations. Fees are on a sliding scale based on the combined/comprehensive and verified income sources for your family. A description of The Barker Adoption Foundation’s comprehensive 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.

<b>SERVICES OFFERED</b>	<b>ASSOCIATED FEE</b>
Application Fee: Includes the work of Barker’s Application Review Committee. <i>(Fee due at time of application submission)</i>	\$550 \$225 (for families actively waiting in another Barker program, with a completed home study)
PRIDE Training: 27 Hours of in-class training plus 3 hours of CPR (taken outside of Barker) to total 30 hours of training. <i>(Fee due when class registration form is submitted)</i>	PWNL Applicants: \$325 (couple); \$200 (single)  (+ \$200 Registration Fee for families that are working with an agency other than Barker)
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
Phase I*: Counseling, support, and education about the older child program from home study social worker and program staff. Administrative support with the home study document collection. <i>(Fee due after</i>	\$2,000

<p><i>intake and prior to submission of home study documents).</i></p> <p>Technology Fee <i>(Families will receive access to the portal upon payment of the associated fee)</i></p>	<p>\$250</p>
<p>Home Study Mileage &amp; 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>\$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>Phase II*: Search &amp; match services, PWNL support group meetings, ongoing support &amp; education from Barker staff, including guidance for review of child profiles and support in navigation of communication with public agencies. <i>(Fee due at time of home study approval &amp; prior to search &amp; match services beginning)</i></p>	<p>\$3,000</p>
<p>Program Maintenance Fee: Continued search &amp; match services including guidance for review of child profiles and support in navigation of communication with public agencies. <i>(Fee due annually at the anniversary of the completion of the initial home study until family is matched)</i></p>	<p>\$2,500</p>
<p>Home Study Update Fee: This fee applies to all home study updates. General home study updates for PWNL are required annually until finalization or in cases where a family has moved to a new home or had other significant changes to their household that require an updated report. Fee includes Home study update meeting(s) with social worker, administrative support with home study update document collection and preparation of adoption home study update report. <i>(Fee due annually at the anniversary of the completion of the initial home study until adoption is finalized or at the time of request for an additional update)</i></p>	<p>\$300</p>

<p>Home Study Update Mileage &amp; Travel Fee (only applicable to families residing more than 50 miles from Barker’s Bethesda office) <b><i>(Fee due at time of home study update commencement)</i></b></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>Pre-Placement consultation with the Barker Post-Adopt department to receive personalized education, community resource referrals and support for matched families. <b><i>(Fee due at time of acceptance of the match)</i></b></p>	<p>\$225</p>
<p>Phase III*: Home study report fee, placement planning services including - coordination of visitation schedule and placement arrangements with placing agency. Discussion and development of post-placement agreements and placement documentation, negotiation of purchase of service agreements, oversight and support of Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) process, monthly social worker visits with family post-placement until finalization (please note that additional fees will be incurred if finalization does not occur within 12 months of placement), coordination with adoptive parents’ attorney and court reports or appearances as required for adoption finalization. <b><i>(Fee due at time of placement – please note that in many cases this fee or part of it are paid by the placing state)</i></b></p> <p>Post Placement Mileage &amp; Travel Fee- only applicable to families residing more than 50 miles from Barker’s Bethesda office. <b><i>(Fee due at time of placement)</i></b></p>	<p>Balance of Total Fee of \$ _____ <b><i>(fill in based on verified family income)</i></b></p> <p>\$1200 – covers visits until finalization, prior to 12 months. (for families residing between 50 and 100 miles from Bethesda office)</p> <p>\$2000, plus .55 per mile for every mile driven over 200 for a home visit – covers visits until finalization, prior to 12 months.</p>

	(for families who live more than 100 miles away from Bethesda office)
Additional Post Placement Visits: Barker's PWNL phase III fee covers up to 12 post-placement visits and associated reports. The court may require additional reports or a family may request additional visits for support as needed. This fee is for each additional post-placement visit and report. <i>(Fee due at the time of request for additional visit/report)</i>	\$250
Post Placement Mileage & Travel Fee for visits beyond 12 months- only applicable to families residing more than 50 miles from Barker's Bethesda office. <i>(Fee due prior to 13<sup>th</sup> visit)</i>	\$150 per visit (for families residing between 50 and 100 miles from Bethesda office)  \$300 per visit, 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)

**PROJECT WAIT NO LONGER – SLIDING SCALE**

*(\*fee deducted from the sliding scale balance)*

<b>Salary</b>	<b>Fee</b>
\$0 - \$50,000	\$5,500
\$50,001 - \$60,000	\$6,500
\$60,001 - \$70,000	\$7,500
\$70,001 - \$80,000	\$8,500
\$80,001 +	\$9,500

**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 for adoption services rather than for children, any payment of Barker's agency fees for services already rendered is nonrefundable.

**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 retain 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. Fees are dues 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 Plan & Agreement, dated, \_\_\_\_\_, which remains in full force and effect.

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Adoptive Parent Signature

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Date

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Adoptive Parent Signature

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Date

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Barker Representative Signature

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Date