

The Barker Adoption Foundation
Project Wait No Longer Adoption Fees
& Estimated Expenses
Effective November 2022

Name: _____

Address: _____

The Barker Adoption Foundation is a private, non-profit child-placing agency licensed in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Our adoption programs are financed primarily through adoption fees and donations. Fees for our domestic programs 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 the sliding scale fee. 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 most fees for 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. <i>(Fee due at time of application submission)</i>	\$550 \$225 (for families actively waiting in another Barker program, with a completed home study)
Comprehensive Pre-Adoption Training (NTDC): 24 Hours of in-class training plus 3 hours of CPR (taken outside of Barker) to total 27 hours of training. <i>(Fee due when class registration form is submitted)</i>	\$450 (couple); \$250 (single)
Clinical 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	\$2,050

<p>the older child program from home study social worker and program staff. Administrative support with the home study document collection. (<i>Fee due after intake and prior to submission of home study documents</i>).</p>	
<p>Home Study Mileage & Travel Fee is only applicable to families residing more than 50 miles from BAF office in state of residence. (<i>Fee due at time of home study commencement</i>)</p>	See mileage addendum below if applicable.
<p>Program Transfer Fee*: This fee covers all costs related to a transfer from the Domestic Infant program to the PWNL or Dual Waiting program after home study approval. Fees include the **Application Fee, **Clinical Intake Fee, **Administrative Support and Paperwork Fee (Phase I), as well as a comprehensive evaluation for older child adoption. \$1775 of this fee is credited to the PWNL Phase III balance for any family who is placed through PWNL.</p>	\$2000 – Transfer Families from the Domestic Infant Program if applicable.
<p>Phase II*: Search & match services, PWNL waiting parent meetings, ongoing support & 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 & prior to search & match services beginning</i>)</p>	\$3,000
<p>Program Maintenance Fee: Continued search & 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>	\$2,500
<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</p>	<p>\$400</p> <p><i>*Fee reduced to \$250 when coupled with Program Transfer Fee</i></p>

<p>Children (ICPC) process, monthly social worker visits until finalization for up to 12 visits (<i>please note that additional fees will be incurred if finalization does not occur within 12 months of placement</i>), coordination with adoptive parents' attorney and court reports or appearances as required for adoption finalization. (<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>)</p> <p>Post Placement Mileage & Travel Fee- is only applicable to families residing more than 50 miles from the BAF office in the state of residence. (<i>Fee due at time of placement for a minimum of 6 months. Mileage for additional visits will be invoiced as needed.</i>)</p>	<p>See mileage addendum below if applicable</p>
<p>Additional Post Placement Visits: This fee is for each additional post-placement visit and report, as needed. (<i>Fee due at the time of request for additional visit/report- please note that in many cases this fee or part of it are paid by the placing state</i>)</p>	<p>\$400</p>
<p>Third Party Fees:</p> <p>Technology Fee: Families will receive access to the portal upon payment of the associated fee</p> <p>Online Trainings (as needed): Periodically additional education may be required based on the specific circumstances of the family. These fees are set by and paid directly to the service provider.</p> <p>Finalization: Attorney retained for finalization and engaged by family</p>	<p>\$250</p> <p>Each online course may range from \$20-80.</p> <p>Fees determined by attorney. Estimated \$2,200-\$2,500. <i>*Finalization costs sometimes covered under state contracts</i></p>

PROJECT WAIT NO LONGER – SLIDING SCALE

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

Salary	Fee
\$0 - \$50,000	\$5,900
\$50,001 - \$60,000	\$6,900
\$60,001 - \$70,000	\$7,900
\$70,001 - \$80,000	\$8,900
\$80,001 +	\$9,900

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.

Adoptive Parent Signature

Date

Adoptive Parent Signature

Date

Barker Representative Signature

Date

Mileage Fee Addendum The Barker Adoption Foundation

Understanding Mileage Fees

Please see the following chart for a detailed overview of mileage fees charged for in-home visits. No mileage fees are charged for families that live within 50 miles of the Barker office in your State of residence. Families outside of this range agree to pay the following fees for each in-home visit throughout the home study and post placement period.

Families who live more than 50 miles away from the Barker office will be expected to meet with their social worker in the office whenever permissible by licensing, accreditation, or country guidelines. There will be no mileage fee charged for meetings held at the office. Fees outlined below are charged per in-home visit and must be paid prior to the confirmation of the visit. Estimated number of visits may vary based on the assessment needs of each family and are meant to be an estimate only.

Distance from BAF Office	Fee Per Home Visit
0 – 50 miles (one way)	\$0
51 – 100 miles (one way)	\$175
101 – 150 miles (one way)	\$375, plus \$175 lodging/expense fee for cases where an overnight stay for the social worker is required.
151+ miles (one way) (These cases are only accepted in extremely extenuating circumstances as they often require extended hours of driving by the assigned social worker & an overnight stay w/ each home visit)	\$475, plus current federal reimbursement rate for every mile driven over 300 miles (roundtrip), and \$175 lodging/expense fee for cases where an overnight stay for the social worker is required.

Estimated In-Home Visits by Program

Program Name	Estimated # of In-Home Home Study & Update Visits	Estimated # of In-Home Post Placement Visits
Domestic Infant Program	1 minimum	Minimum of 3. *Additional may be needed for

		finalization based on placing state requirements.
Project Wait No Longer	1 minimum	Average of 6-12
HSPPS*	1 minimum, additional may be needed based on country requirements.	3 minimum *Additional may be needed based on country requirements.
Korea	2 minimum	6 minimum
India	1 minimum	7 minimum

Signature below indicates that we have reviewed the above information and understand and agree to the mileage fees as detailed on our fee agreement.

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