

Domestic Program & Fees

We appreciate your interest in our domestic placement services for birth mothers in Alabama. We are licensed by the State of Alabama Department of Human Resources to place children with applicants who meet the requirements of their prospective states. Due to numerous circumstances out of our control, we cannot and will not make any guarantees in regards to waiting periods, time frames, referral or placement. However, our trained and professional staff will provide you with the highest level of personal support and direction through you adoption journey.

Application Fee	\$500	Due with application for the Domestic Program
Home Study (if being completed by COTW)	\$1600	Due before home study visits with social worker
Adoptive Parent Education and Support Services: Includes but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counseling on types of adoptions • Potential medical needs of an adoptive child • Counseling on adoption through the lifetime • Preparation of adoption expenses budget • Profile book assistance • Home study assistance • Emotional support during hospital stay • Transfer of custody 	\$3000.00	Due at match.
Birth Parent Report- as applicable and as required by court including medical and family history	\$200.00	Due when chosen by a COTW birth mother

<p>Case management for birth mother Includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth family assessment • Verifying social service benefits • Contacts with medical providers • Transportation as needed • Locating safe housing as needed • Counseling on types of adoption • Adoption through the lifetime • Professional counseling for birth mother for 8 – 10 weeks (both pre and post birth) • Emotional support during hospital stay • Transfer of custody • Management and disbursement of birth mother living expenses • Crisis management 	<p>\$3000-\$5000 (estimate based on a \$1000 per month for average number of months COTW is involved with birth mother)</p> <p>\$750-\$1000 (estimate based on \$75 per therapy session) for professional counseling based on how many sessions birth mother agrees to</p>	<p>Due in monthly increments of \$1000 per month. The first payment is due upon match, with following payments due the 1st of each applicable month.</p> <p>Due in increments of \$300 on the first of every month as birth mother agrees to counseling.</p>
<p>Assistance with ICPC (if applicable) may apply if adoptive family and birth mother are in different states.</p>	<p>\$500.00 (as applicable)</p>	<p>Due at time of birth mother consent</p>
<p>Post Placement Study (Alabama Residents need two reports one within 30 days after birth and second within 30 days of final hearing)</p>	<p>\$300.00 per visit for a total of \$600 Each post placement visit with the social worker includes reports to be submitted for final adoption decree.</p>	<p>Due at time of custody transfer</p>
<p>Birth mother living expenses, or lost time from work. Includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of wages related to lost time from work due to pregnancy • Or actual living expenses (rent, utilities, car expense, etc.), transportation needs, or medical expenses related to pregnancy 	<p>\$2500 - \$5000</p>	<p>Paid at time of birth to agency (agency will disburse biweekly or weekly - whenever birth mother receives her typical paycheck)</p>
<p><i>Children of the World, Inc.</i> attempts to use Medicaid for medical and other low cost public options for birth mother needs. You will be informed in advance of any expenses incurred for the birth mother</p>		



Total of Fees:	\$12650 - \$17400	Some of the services above do not apply to all cases. You only pay for those services needed in your case; we have marked N/A by any not applicable in this case.
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Children of the World, Inc. is dedicated to full financial disclosure. The fees above do not cover legal fees from our partnering legal counsel, *Deirdra Drinkard LLC. Deirdra Drinkard, LLC.* will be providing their own separate legal fee schedule at time of acceptance into the COTW Domestic Program. Given the nature of domestic placements the above fees can and will change. If you receive a match from another source before *Children of the World, Inc.* provides a match, you pay only for the COTW services you use. Please note any adoption has its inherent risks. This agency, nor *Deirdra Drinkard LLC.* can ever guarantee a particular outcome. Your interests shall be zealously advocated for, but with any case, there are always risks – specifically, but not in any way limited to, the biological mother failing to or withdrawing consent, a biological father failing to or withdrawing consent or other outside and/ or unknown complications. Should the adoption disrupt for any reason, any remaining monies not billed and remaining in your account shall be returned to you.

Fees collected shall be held in escrow by *Children of the World, Inc.*, and shall be billed at regular intervals as work and/or fees become due.

By signing below, you agree to all the payment, known costs, known risks, authorization and access terms listed above.

*Consult tax preparer for current year’s US adoption tax credit. Not all individuals or charges qualify for the tax credit.

** Does not include out-of-state home study costs, post adoption reports or court finalization of the adoption outside Alabama.

Perspective Adoptive Parent Signature

Date

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