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FEE STRUCTURE

Little Flower Adoptions is a licensed Texas child-placing agency. We provide many services to adoptive families and expectant parents and were originally licensed in 2001.

Little Flower Adoptions primarily specializes in assisting with the adoption plan between prospective adoptive families and expectant parents that have already been matched or connected with one another. Referred to as ***Identified Adoption***, this requires the assistance of a Texas licensed child-placing agency, per the legal requirements of the State of Texas. Little Flower Adoptions ensures these Identified Placements meet Minimum Standards of Child-Placing Agencies and the law as outlined in the Texas Family Code. If the agency assesses that such placement is not in the best interest of the child, the agency will not proceed with the Identified Adoption.

Little Flower Adoptions, as a licensed child-placing agency, is also permitted to connect expectant parents with a prospective adoptive family. This is referred to as a ***Matched Adoption***. Though we are licensed and able to provide this service, it is not primarily what we do. We do not keep a list of prospective adoptive families. However, LFA has many approved and licensed adoptive families from our Adoption Home Study services.

Little Flower Adoptions also provides a variety of other adoption-related services such as Adoption Home Studies, Clearances, Risk Evaluations, and adoptive parent preparation and education. When applicable, LFA also provides ICPC Receiving Agency Services, Post Placement Supervision Services and Initial Case Assessments/Evaluations.

Agency Services & Fees

All fees are paid by the prospective adoptive parents. The expectant parents never pay any fees to Little Flower Adoptions for any services received.

Identified Adoption

\$ 1,000 Application Fee

(If LFA completed the Home Study, this App fee is waived)

\$ 6,000 Agency Fee (half paid at retainer, remaining paid at placement)

\$ TBD Travel/Incidental Fees – quoted depending on the location of the expectant mother

\$ 350 ICPC Fees (if the adoptive parents reside outside the state of Texas)

\$ 300 Expectant parent legal consultation

\$ 1,950 Legal Fees for the termination of parental rights proceedings

\$ TBD Expectant Mother financial assistance – estimated case by case

*** see below for pass through expenses explanation

Matched Adoption

- \$ 1,000 Application fee
(If LFA completed the Home Study, this App fee is waived)
- \$20,000 Agency Fee (half paid at match, half paid at placement – includes EM legal consultation)
- \$ 1,950 Legal Fees for the termination of parental rights proceedings
- \$ 350 ICPC Fees (if the adoptive parents reside outside of the State of Texas)
- \$ TBD Expectant Mother financial assistance-estimated case by case
*** see below for pass-through expenses explanation
- \$ TBD Travel/Incidental Fees – quoted depending on location of the expectant mother

Home Study/Clearances

- \$ 1,000 Application fee
- \$ 750 Home Visit Fee
- \$ TBD Travel Fee – if needed
*LFA has contract staff in most major cities in Texas. If the adoptive parent's home is located outside of a major city or in a location that requires an Adoption Specialist to travel, *there may be a travel fee* in addition to the fees stated above. Our travel fee is \$35/hour for driving purposes. If a flight is required, we will quote those fees ahead of time pursuant to those costs. Importantly, the Adoption Home Study is released to the adoptive parents for use with any other agency and will meet all ICPC requirements.
*If an out of state Home Study approved family needs approval to adopt in Texas, please contact LFA to discuss.

Case Assessment/Evaluation

- \$ 1,000 Assessment/Evaluation Fee
- \$ TBD Travel/Incidental Fees – quoted depending on location of expectant mother

Risk Evaluation, if required

- \$ 350 *This is related to any prospective adoptive parent that may have a situation requiring this service.*

ICPC Receiving Agency Responsibility

- \$ 350 *When a LFA Home Study approved family is matched outside of the State of Texas, LFA needs to be retained to accept the responsibility of the incoming assigned supervisory agency LFA will provide all documentation needed for a smooth ICPC approval so that the family can travel back home with the baby/child as soon as possible.

Post Placement Supervision Fees

\$ 350 Post Placement Supervision visit/report (each)

Every adoptive placement is required to participate in post placement supervision. If a baby/child is placed from the State of Texas, the family will be required to have five post placements visits/reports. Each requires a visit to the home with the entire family and a written report produced.

If the baby/child is placed from another state with a Texas adoptive family, the amount of required post placements is typically determined by that state. The same fee applies for each visit/report as stated above.

Finalization Fees

Every adoptive placement must participate in the legal finalization of the adoption. If finalizing in the State of Texas, the attorneys we contract with charge \$2100 at this time for that proceeding. This fee is paid by the adoptive parents directly to the attorneys. This fee includes all court costs, attorney costs and the reissuance of the baby's birth certificate. Since this fee is not set by LFA, it is subject to change by that firm.

Medical Fees

If the expectant mother is not covered by medical insurance, the prospective adoptive parents will pay for medical expenses for the expectant mother. Most expectant mothers are able to obtain coverage of some type but there are occasions that this is not possible. This is attempted to be determined at the beginning of a case when at all possible.

Prospective adoptive parents are responsible for all baby medical bills.

*****Pass-Through Expenses*****

Little Flower Adoptions passes through the expectant mother's necessary living assistance to the matched prospective adoptive family. We evaluate this with her at our first meeting and on an on-going basis, as needs often change. This is itemized, estimated and presented in writing to the prospective adoptive parents for approval. These fees come from the adoptive parents, go through the agency to the expectant mother as is appropriate. Groceries/hygiene products, gasoline funds, clothing funds are provided by pre-loaded Visa cards or on a digital WalMart/store card. Receipts are required to be provided. Rent, utilities, phone bills and counseling are paid directly to the companies once bills are provided. All assistance is documented carefully and meets the legal requirements of being reasonable and necessary. We want every expectant mother we work with to have her needs of shelter, security, safety and nourishment met. This is vitally important so she can emotionally focus on her plan and prepare for this life-changing event.