

Home Study and Post-Placement/Post-Adoption Fees

Agency Services	Fee	Fee Information (Fees are fixed unless otherwise noted)
Application Fee	\$350	Payable to SPCO at time of submission of formal application. This non-refundable fee covers the cost of a review of your application to determine your eligibility for your desired program.
Home Study Fee	\$2,200	This fee covers SPCO's services in preparing and completing an adoption home study. Half of the home study preparation fee is due to SPCO upon commencement of home study. Balance is due upon completion of home study. Any related travel costs are billed separately.
Home Study Update	\$800 - \$1,200	Payable to SPCO at completion of home study update. This cost varies depending on the extent of the update.
Welcome Home Visit	\$150	Due to SPCO upon completion of Welcome Home visit. The Welcome Home visit is required if the sending country does not require a post-adoption report at one month from adoption date. This fee is for the social worker visit only; no report is required.
Post-Placement/Post-Adoption Visits/Reports	\$400 per visit/report \$100 each additional child	These fees cover the cost for SPCO to provide post-placement/post-adoption supervision after arrival home which includes visits to the home and written reports that are submitted to the placing agency and sending country. Payable to SPCO after each home visit. The number of visits/reports varies according to agency and sending country requirements.
Social Worker Travel Costs	IRS standard rate \$10 per hour Seasonal rates \$23 per day	Payable to SPCO at time of billing. Travel expenses are incurred when the distance is more than 35 miles to destination. These expenses vary depending upon time, distance, seasonal rates for lodging, etc.
Third Party Services		
Pre-Adoption Education & Training	\$200 - \$400	Minimum of 10 hours of Hague compliant pre-adoption education and training. Payable to education provider of adoptive couple's choosing.
Fingerprinting	\$15 per person	Fingerprint cards are needed for background checks and can be obtained at a local police or sheriff department. Cost varies by facility.
FBI Fingerprint Based Criminal Records Check	\$40 - \$60 per person	Cost is based on the use of an FBI approved Channeler and varies according to shipping method used. This background check is a nation-wide search for any criminal history of the prospective adoptive parent.
Out-of-State Child Protective Services	\$10 per person per CPS check	Cost varies according to what each state entity charges and is payable to the appropriate government division in each state. This background check searches for any history of child abuse in all states in which the prospective adoptive parent has lived since the age of 18.
State of Montana Criminal Record Check	\$14.50 per person	Can be obtained and paid for online. This background check searches for any criminal charges of the prospective adoptive parent in the state of Montana.

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Driving Record	\$7.25 per person	Can be obtained and paid for online. This driving record check through the Department of Motor Vehicles searches for any driving or parking violation.
Acquisition of Birth Certificates, Marriage License, Notarizations	\$170	Cost varies depending upon number of documents needed and fees charged by the court in providing these documents.
Health Examinations	\$500 per person	Cost varies based upon the physician/medical facility charges, extent of lab work needed, etc. The health examination must cover all items on medical form provided by SPCO or placing agency.
Psychological Evaluation	\$650 - \$1,000	Payable to psychologist when preparing dossier and dossier updates. Fee varies based upon the provider and may be covered by family's medical insurance.
Pre-Adoption Medical Review of Child Referral Material	\$250 - \$1,000	It is recommended that adoptive parents review child referral materials with a pediatrician experienced in international adoption to discuss potential diagnosis and out comes as well as identify resources to meet the child's needs. Cost varies by clinic.
I-800A Application & Fingerprinting Fee	\$945	Payable to Department of Homeland Security and is based on two adults; additional persons age 18 and above living in the home would also incur the \$85 per person fingerprinting fee.

SUMMARY OF EXPECTED COSTS

Category	Fixed & Estimated Costs
Adoption Agency Fees	\$3,900
Document Processing/Third Party Services	\$3,389 - \$4,729
TOTAL EXPECTED COSTS	\$7,289 - \$8,629

Note: Some fees are a reasonable estimate; actual costs vary depending on circumstances including time, location, duration, etc. All fees are **subject to change** and fees paid to third parties are not under the control or discretion of SPCO.

Note: The above total expected costs are for home study and post-placement/post-adoption services only. The Client will be working simultaneously with an agency authorized to place children from the country the Client has chosen to adopt from. The placing agency will have a fee schedule detailing the expenses related to facilitating the adoption, including foreign country fees. The placing agency and foreign country fees can range from **\$25,000 to \$45,000**, depending on the country and the agency.