



## Project Wait No Longer (PWNL) Adoption Program

### Schedule of Fees & Estimated Expenses

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 this program's 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 below.

Fee	PWNL	Payment Terms	Description / What to Expect
<b>INTAKE</b>			
Application Fee	\$550	Due at time of application submission	Review of application to establish initial program eligibility
Comprehensive Pre-Adoption Training (NTDC)	\$450 per Couple \$250 per Individual	Due at time of course registration	Required 24 hour pre-adoption training course utilizing the National Training and Development Curriculum (NTDC)
Clinical Intake	\$350	Due when scheduling intake interview	Initial clinical interview
Homestudy Admin Fee (Phase I)	\$2,050	Due after intake meeting is complete and application is approved	Administrative support and consultation to complete required homestudy documentation
Technology Fee	\$250	Due after intake meeting is complete and application is approved	Access to electronic adoption paperwork portal (Fees paid directly to MyAdoptionPortal)
<b>SEARCH &amp; MATCH</b>			
Initial PWNL Search & Match Services (Phase II)	\$3,000	Due at time of homestudy approval	Search and match services, PWNL Support Group meetings, ongoing support and education from BAF, consultation and review of child profiles, and facilitation of public agency communications
Annual PWNL Search & Match Services	\$2,500	Due annually until match, on anniversary of initial PWNL homestudy approval	Continued search and match services, PWNL Support Group meetings, ongoing support and education from BAF, consultation and review of child profiles, and facilitation of public agency communications
<b>HOMESTUDY, REFERRAL &amp; PLACEMENT</b>			
Placement Fee (Phase III)	Balance of PWNL Sliding Scale Fee	Due at time of placement if matched through PWNL; Phase I and II fees are applied to the Sliding Scale Fee	PWNL homestudy, required child and family assessments/reports, placement coordination services including - visitation management, development of post-placement agreements, negotiation of purchase of service agreements, oversight and support of ICPC process, comprehensive post-placement support including up to twelve (12) Social Worker visits, coordination with attorney to support finalization procedures
Homestudy Update (HSU)	\$575	Due prior to scheduling meeting. Required annually.	Homestudy update interviews with Social Worker, administrative support and consultation to complete HSU documentation, and preparation of HSU document
Additional Post-Placement Visit	\$400	Due prior to additional visit	Any post-placement visit and report beyond those included in Placement Fee

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AS NEEDED SERVICES			
Program Transfer Fee	\$2,000	Due at time of program transfer; \$1775 is applied to Sliding Scale Fee	Applicable when transferring from the BAF Domestic Infant Program (DIP) to PWNL or Dual Waiting programs; fee includes application processing, clinical intake. Comprehensive evaluation for older child adoption
Pre-Placement Visit Fee	\$400	Due prior to pre-placement visit	Applicable when required by state licensing guidelines
Post-Match Consultation	\$300	Due after match with a child	Post-Match Consultation with the BAF Post Adopt Department to receive personalized education, community resource referrals and support for matched families
Additional Adoptive Parent Training	\$20 - \$150	Due at time of course registration	Additional education may be required based on the specific needs of a family; these trainings can be online or in-person; fees are set by and paid directly to the provider
Mileage & Travel Fees	Variable	Due prior to home visit	Mileage & Travel Fees are applicable for each in-home visit when families reside more than 50 miles from the BAF office in their state of residence; see Mileage & Travel Fee Addendum for rates
Expanded Homestudy Update	\$825	Due prior to scheduling meeting	Expanded HSU may be required after significant familial changes/events, or in cases where there has been a delay in completing an annual HSU; includes interviews with Social Worker, administrative support and consultation to complete expanded HSU documentation, and preparation of expanded HSU document
Homestudy Addendum	\$300	Due prior to scheduling meeting	Written changes to an approved homestudy report that require an additional meeting with the homestudy Social Worker
Homestudy Documentation Related Expense	Variable	Due at time of documentation request	Fees associated with obtaining home study related documentation such as driving records, background clearances, employment verification and/or home inspections, etc. These fees are usually nominal and vary by state of residence and program requirements. Usually paid directly by family to service provider.
District of Columbia Adoption Finalization Fees	\$200 - Interim Report \$350 - Finalization Report \$350 - Court Appearance	Due prior to services being rendered	Finalization reports and services that may be required within the District of Columbia
Virginia Report of Investigation	\$350	Due prior to services being rendered	Finalization report that may be required within the Commonwealth of Virginia
Other Finalization Related Services	\$40/hr plus any travel expenses incurred	Due prior to services being rendered	Additional reports and court appearances as required by state law or other regulatory bodies
Finalization Attorney Fees	\$2200 - \$2400	Determined by and paid directly to attorney	Private attorney retained by family for adoption finalization procedures

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**PWNL ADOPTION PROGRAM - SLIDING SCALE FEE TABLE**

Total Income	Fee	<b>Sliding Scale Fee includes:</b> 1. Homestudy Admin Fee (Phase I) 2. Initial Search and Match Fee (Phase II)
Less than \$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	

**NOTE:** (1) DC resident fees are based on per capita income for a family or five. The fee decreases by 5% for each additional family member.  
 (2) An additional \$5000 will be added to the sliding scale fee for each additional child placed.

**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 as services are rendered, fees cannot be refunded for services already rendered. Any returns should be on a case-by-case basis, at the discretion of Barker.

**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 retains 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, unless additional requirements are placed on the Baker Adoption Foundation by virtue of us moving to, and needing to comply with, the requirements of another jurisdiction or, if additional requirements are placed on Barker Adoption Foundation by the sending country, state, attorney or placement agency. This may include, but will not be limited to, a request for additional home visits or reports. Fees are due 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 Agreement, dated, \_\_\_\_\_ which remains in full force and effect.

Home Address

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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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 The Barker Adoption  
 Foundation Representative  
 Signature

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 Date

**PLEASE NOTE:** Most fees for The Barker Adoption Foundation may be paid by check or credit card. Placement Fee must be paid by certified check, cashier's check or wire transfer.

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 (oneway)	\$0
51 - 100 miles (oneway)	\$175
101-150 miles (oneway)	\$375, plus \$175 lodging/expense fee for cases where an overnight stay for the Social Worker is required.
151+ miles (oneway)  These cases are only accepted in extremely extenuating circumstances as they often require extended hours of driving by the assigned Social Worker and an overnight stay with 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, Homestudy & Homestudy Update Visits	Estimated # of In-Home Post-Placement Visits
Domestic Infant Program	At Least One (1)	At Least Three (3); Additional may be needed for finalization based on placing State requirements
Project Wait No Longer	At Least One (1)	Average of Six (6) - Twelve (12)
HSPPS	At Least One (1); Additional may be needed based on country requirements	At Least Three (3); Additional may be needed for finalization based on placing State requirements
Korea	At Least Two (2)	At Least Six (6)
India	At Least (1)	At Least Seven (7)

**AGREEMENT**

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

Home Address

Adoptive Parent Signature

Date

Adoptive Parent Signature

Date

The Barker Adoption Foundation Representative Signature

Date