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## FEES FOR DOMESTIC ADOPTION SERVICES AGREEMENT

Family Connections Inc.'s Fee for Domestic Adoption Services Agreement is applicable to applications received on or before **December 31, 2018**. This agreement details the fees and estimated expenses for domestic adoption services including, home study investigations, post-placement supervision, domestic infant placement program, domestic public adoption, and step-parent, grandparent or second parent adoption. Family Connections, Inc. encourages you to retain an attorney who specializes in adoption law to help you make judgment before signing this agreement.

Upon signature of this Fees for Domestic Adoption Services Agreement and your Adoption Services Contract, these fees are valid until the placement of a child in your home. If you wish to adopt again, you will be required to enter into a new Adoption Services Contract and agree and consent to the Agency's current Fees for Domestic Adoption Services Agreement.

Family Connections, Inc. is a fees for services agency and thus you will be only responsible for the fees associated with the services you purchase from the Agency. Please carefully review this Agreement and initial each item you may be responsible for and sign the Agreement.

ORIENTATION & APPLICATION FOR SERVICES			
Service Category	Description of Service	When Fees Due	Agency Fee
ORIENTATION TO ADOPTION	Individual face-to-face orientation to domestic adoption options and services.	Not Applicable	No Cost
HOME STUDY APPLICATION PROCESSING  _____ 1 _____ Initial	Family Connections, Inc. will process the prospective adoptive parent(s)' application for home study service.	At time of application.	\$250
DOMESTIC INFANT PLACEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION  _____ 2 _____ Initial	Family Connections will review/accept the prospective adoptive parent(s) application to the Agency's Domestic Infant Placement Program.  <i>This fee is not applicable to prospective adoptive parents who purchase the Agency's home study investigation services and/or post-placement supervision services to pursue a private independent adoptive placement or who apply to another agency for domestic placement services.</i>	At time of acceptance into the Agency's Domestic Infant Placement Program (after home study approval)	\$500  If you have applied to other Family Connections programs, that fee will be applied to the Domestic program fee

<b>HOME STUDY INVESTIGATION SERVICES</b>			
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HOME STUDY INVESTIGATION  _____ 3 _____ Initial	Family Connections, Inc. will conduct a home study investigation for the prospective adoptive family for a non-relative domestic adoption (private or public adoption).	One week prior to the scheduled home visit.	\$1,650 +travel
HOME STUDY FOR ADOPTION BY FAMILY MEMBER  _____ 4 _____ Initial	Family Connections, Inc. will conduct a home study investigation for the prospective adoptive parent(s) for a step-parent, grandparent, or second parent adoption.	One week prior to the scheduled home visit.	\$1,000 + travel
EXPEDITED HOME STUDY  _____ 5 _____ Initial	Family Connections, Inc. will expedite a home study investigation with completion of the first draft of the report in 6 weeks or less from the time of the home visit.	One week prior to the scheduled home visit.	\$450 In addition to home study fee.
HOME STUDY ADDENDUM  _____ 6 _____ Initial	If the prospective adoptive family needs to amend their home study investigation due to a change in the household (e.g. change of residence, new adult household member, change of employment, etc.) or change in adoption plan (e.g. now wishing to adopt a child with special needs, change in age or gender of child), Family Connections, Inc. will complete a home study addendum.	Upon request for a home study addendum	\$400 + travel If a home visit is required.  \$250 If a home visit is not required.
HOME STUDY UPDATE FOR PRIVATE OR INDEPENDENT ADOPTION  _____ 7 _____ Initial	Family Connections, Inc. will conduct a home study update, if the prospective adoptive family's attorney or other adoption placement agency requests an updated home study investigation or the prospective adoptive family's court pre-certification as adoptive parents will expire prior to the placement of a child.	Upon a request for a home study update.	\$900 + travel
HOME STUDY UPDATE OF OUT-OF-STATE AGENCY STUDY  _____ 8 _____ Initial	If the prospective adoptive parents need to update an out-of-state home study completed by another adoption agency, the Agency's Executive Director will consider updating the home study after a review of the client's current home study report. The prospective adoptive parents must be able to provide an electronic version of the home study report. The home study must be less than 12 months old.	One week prior to the scheduled home visit	\$900 + travel

<b>HOME STUDY INVESTIGATION SERVICES (continued)</b>			
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HOME STUDY FOR SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION(S)  _____ 9 _____ Initial	Family Connections, Inc. will conduct a home study investigation for a prospective adoptive family who previously had Family Connections, Inc. conduct a home study. The previous home study must be less than 36 months old at the time of the application for a subsequent home study to qualify for this fee.	One week prior to the scheduled home visit.	\$900 + travel
OUT-OF-STATE CHILD ABUSE HISTORY REVIEWS  _____ 10 _____ Initial	If a prospective adoptive parent has lived in a State(s) other than New York since their 18 <sup>th</sup> birthday, Family Connections, Inc. must obtain child abuse history reports from those States.	Within 30 days of invoice.	\$20/State + State fees (if any)
CRIMINAL HISTORY SAFETY ASSESSMENT  _____ 11 _____ Initial	If a prospective adoptive parent has a criminal history that New York State requires an evaluation in relation to child safety, Family Connections, Inc. will conduct a New York State Criminal History Check / Safety Assessment and Report.	One week prior to scheduled interview.	\$500

<b>FAMILY CONNECTIONS' INFANT PLACEMENT PROGRAM SERVICES</b>			
<b>Service Category</b>	<b>Description of Service</b>	<b>When Fees Due</b>	<b>Agency Fees</b>
PROFILE DEVELOPMENT AND OUTREACH  _____ 12 _____ Initial	Family Connections, Inc. will assist prospective adoptive parents in the creation of family profiles (web profile, magazine profile, book profile, video profile) to be used to present the prospective adoptive parents to prospective birth parent(s).	Upon Acceptance into the Agency's Domestic Adoption Infant Placement Program.	\$500
OUTREACH & MARKETING TO BIRTH PARENTS  _____ 13 _____ Initial	The agency will outreach to birth parents via inbound marketing (website), social media, magazine distribution, and professional networking.	Upon Acceptance into the Agency's Domestic Adoption Infant Placement Program.	\$3,500 For families who have paid the Puerto Rico Development fee, \$1,000 will be applied to the Domestic Development Fee.
MATCHING AND RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPMENT with BIRTH PARENT(S)  _____ 14 _____ Initial	Family Connections, Inc. will facilitate matching of a prospective adoptive family with a birth family. The Agency will then support the development of a relationship between the birth family and adoptive family. If a match disrupts prior to placement or within 30 days of placement, this fee will be applied to a subsequent match with a birth family.	Upon match with a prospective birth family.	\$2,500

**FAMILY CONNECTIONS’ INFANT PLACEMENT PROGRAM SERVICES (continued)**

Service Category	Description of Service	When Fees Due	Fees
<p>INFANT PLACEMENT FEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ 15 _____ Initial</p>	<p>Family Connections, Inc. will obtain legal custody of a child upon a birth parent(s)’ surrender and place said child into the prospective adoptive family.</p> <p><b>This Fee includes the following services:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Legal placement of the child into the adoptive family.</li> <li>2. Maintenance of the legal custody of child until adoption finalization by the adoptive parent(s).</li> <li>3. Birth parent(s) and adoptive parent(s) services surrounding the birth and placement of the child inside and outside of the hospital setting; including interfacing with hospital staff.</li> <li>4. Post-placement supervision visits and reports until adoption finalization including social worker travel.</li> <li>5. Post-placement services to the birth parent(s) and adoptive parents.</li> <li>6. Oversight of Post-Adoption Contact Agreement, including facilitating exchange of pictures and letters and visitation (if any).</li> <li>7. Collaboration with the birth parents’ and adoptive parents’ attorneys.</li> <li>8. Filing of surrender with county clerk.</li> <li>9. Court appearances for the adoption.</li> <li>10. Preparation for and attendance at required permanency hearings.</li> <li>11. Preparation of required surrender approval and adoption finalization documents.</li> </ol> <p><b>This fee does not cover:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Living expenses for the birth parent(s).</li> <li>2. Post-adoption counseling for the birth parent(s).</li> <li>3. Un-covered medical expenses for birth mother and child.</li> <li>4. Legal expenses for birth family.</li> <li>5. Legal expenses for adoptive family.</li> <li>6. Legal expenses related to the representation of Family Connections, Inc. in the adoption proceedings.</li> <li>7. Post-surrender legal challenges to the adoption.</li> </ol> <p>These fees will be the responsibility of the adoptive parent(s) and will be billed accordingly. These fees are not refundable</p>	<p>\$6,875 Due when Adoption Placement Agreement is signed and child is placed with the family.</p> <p>\$6,875 Due after the legal limit for the birth parent(s) to revoke the surrender has expired.</p> <p>Upon provision of services</p>	<p>\$13,750</p> <p>Please Note: \$3,400 of the initial partial payment of \$6,875 is refundable only if the adoption disrupts because the birth parent(s) changes her/their mind(s) within legal limits and obtains custody of the child</p> <p>\$400-\$7,000 \$100-\$2,000 \$250-\$4,000 \$2,000-\$6,000 \$2,000-\$6,000 \$400-\$1,000</p> <p>Unknown</p> <p><b>These are estimated fees and will vary with each adoption</b></p>

<b>PUBLIC ADOPTION PLACEMENT SERVICES</b> <b>Adopting from the Public Foster Care System</b>			
<b>Service Category</b>	<b>Description of Service</b>	<b>When Fees Due</b>	<b>Agency Fees</b>
CHILD SEARCH, ADVOCACY, AND MATCHING  _____ 16 _____ Initial	Family Connections, Inc. will search for children available for adoption from the public adoption system for the prospective adoptive family's consideration. The agency will advocate for the adoptive family throughout the public matching process and assist the placing agency with matching the prospective adoptive family with a child and making an adoptive placement.	Upon request of service	\$3,500
CASE MANAGEMENT OF PLACEMENT  _____ 17 _____ Initial	Family Connections, Inc. will support the child(ren) - adoptive family match and the placement process of the child(ren) into the home.  If the match disrupts prior to placement, one half of fee will be refunded to family. If match disrupts after placement there will be no refund.	Upon matching with child(ren).	\$3,000
ICPC RECEIVING STATE SERVICES  _____ 18 _____ Initial	Family Connections, Inc. serves as a receiving agency for an out-of-state adoption that is not the result of a direct placement by Family Connections. If the sending state pays for a portion of this fee, the family will be responsible for the balance. If the sending state does not pay for this service, the family will be responsible for the full amount.	Upon request of service.	\$1,500

<b>POST-PLACEMENT AND POST-ADOPTION SUPERVISION &amp; REPORTING</b>			
<b>Service Category</b>	<b>Description of Service</b>	<b>When Fees Due</b>	<b>Agency Fees</b>
POST-PLACEMENT SUPERVISION  _____ 19 _____ Initial	If the prospective adoptive family has received placement of a child(ren) and is waiting for the finalization of the adoption, Family Connections, Inc. will conduct the required post-placement supervision visits and reports as dictated by New York State, the sending State, and/or placing agency.	Upon receipt of the draft home study and signature of the "Agreement of Cooperation with Post-Placement Requirements for Domestic Adoption"	\$400/visit and report + travel  \$200 for each additional child reported on at the same home visit.

Post-placement supervision services are pre-paid by the prospective adoptive parents at the time of their review of the home study draft report and signature of the "Agreement of Cooperation with Post-Placement Requirements for Domestic Adoption". These fees are fully refundable to the prospective adoptive parents if (1) the prospective adoptive parents do not receive placement of a child for adoption, (2) fewer visits are required by the sending State or placing agency (fees for visits not required will be refunded), or (3) the family moves out of state and has the post-placement supervision visits/reports completed by another authorized/licensed adoption agency (proof of completion of each visit/report must be provided to Family Connections to request a refund of fees).

<b>MISCELLANIOUS FEES</b>			
<b>Service Category</b>	<b>Description of Service</b>	<b>When Fees Due</b>	<b>Agency Fees</b>
CONSULTATION SERVICES _____ 20 _____ Initial	Family Connections, Inc. will provide adoption consultation services at the request of the client.	At the time of service provision	\$200/hour
ICPC RECEIVING STATE SERVICES _____ 21 _____ Initial	Family Connections, Inc. serves as a receiving agency for an out-of-state adoption that is not the result of a direct placement by Family Connections.	Upon request of service.	\$2,000
PREPARATION OF ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS _____ 22 _____ Initial	Family Connections, Inc. will prepare additional documents required for a private independent adoption or adoption with another agency after the preparation of the home study report and agency letter of authorization.	At time of service provision	\$25/document
OVERNIGHT MAILING _____ 23 _____ Initial	Family Connections, Inc. will mail documents via overnight mail at the request of the client via U.S. Postal Service, Federal Express, or UPS.	At time of service provision	At Cost
TRAVEL EXPENSES _____ 24 _____ Initial	Reimbursement of social worker for mileage and travel time to and from prospective adoptive family's home for required home visits.	Within 30 days of invoice	Federal Mileage Rate + \$25/hour for Travel Time

I, \_\_\_\_\_, and I, \_\_\_\_\_ understand and agree that fees are:  
 (Prospective Adoptive Parent) (Prospective Adoptive Parent)

- (1) Payable only as services are rendered with the exception of post-placement and/or post-adoption supervision services fees (as indicated in the Agreement of Cooperation with Post-Placement/Adoption Requirements for Domestic/International Adoption).
- (2) Not refundable (unless otherwise specified in this Agreement, the Adoption Services Contract, and/or the Agreement of Cooperation with Post-Placement/Adoption Requirements for Domestic/International Adoption).
- (3) To be paid to Family Connections, Inc. in the form of personal check, money order, or cashier's check.
- (4) To be considered estimates that may change depending upon the circumstances of the adoption and costs of other adoption entities (e.g. other adoption agencies, attorneys, etc.). Family Connections, Inc. makes all efforts to the best of the Agency's knowledge and experience to identify and limit expenses that are estimated in this Agreement. However, there are fees that are not predictable and are not within the Agency's power to control due to the inherent circumstances and risks of the adoption process.
- (5) To be paid in full for Family Connections, Inc. to grant consent to adoption.

I/We hereby certify by signing below, give consent and agreement to the Fees for Adoption Services Agreement.

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Prospective Adoptive Parent

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Date

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Prospective Adoptive Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

<b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</b>
Date received: ____/____/____
By: