



## Post Adoption Services and Fees

All fees cover partial costs of rendering the following post adoption services to the Requester of these services. New Life Family Services (New Life) believes in providing excellent post adoption services and will not deny service based on inability to pay for requested service. New Life does, however, rely on financial donations to continue to offer and provide services. New Life encourages the Requester of the post-adoption services to consider the payment of these services as an investment in your future as well as a support to this ministry.

### STANDARD SERVICES (No fee charged)

- Updating information for file (name change, new address, etc.)
- Coordinating visits through New Life
- Communicating new medical information from birth family
- Providing a social worker to facilitate meetings within the first two years after placement
- Connecting clients with similar adoption circumstances
- Offering referrals
- Forwarding/copying regular correspondence between parties
- General post adoption questions

*Receipt of the "Application for Post Adoption Services" by New Life Family Services is required for the following post adoption requests.*

### REQUESTING DOCUMENTS FROM FILE

- **Option A:** Check file for stored correspondence and none found. – No Fee
- **Option B:** Receiving correspondence from file. – \$15 Fee
- **Option C:** Receiving adoption-related documents from file. – \$45 Fee
- **Option D:** Receiving specific documents (not listed above) from file. – \$15 Fee

### REQUESTING POST ADOPTION SEARCH

#### **Option E: Searching with New Life's assistance – \$150 Fee**

- Process includes:
  - Pulling the files and checking the most recent contact information.
  - Searching for new contact information if information found in file is insufficient or out of date.
  - Connecting confidentially with the party being sought after in order to see if he/she is ready and willing to proceed with opening the adoption at this point.
  - If the requesting party has written a letter, New Life will forward it after connecting with the other party and provide limited counsel to both parties if needed. The initiating party is informed that the letter has been sent and accepted or rejected.
  - If both parties desire to reunite, New Life provides a meeting place and a mediator for the first meeting, if necessary.\* (Some parties desire to meet without the assistance of New Life in a more public, less formal atmosphere, which is completely acceptable. This depends on the preference of the parties.)
  - Brief counsel is offered through out the reunion process for both parties when New Life is assisting. This is helpful when emotions are high and both parties have many questions.

**Option F: Searching without New Life's assistance – \$50 Fee**

- Process includes: Receiving information from original birth certificate from New Life and proceeding with the search on one's own accord.

**Option G: Searching for information only – \$50 Fee**

(This option is for when one party desires information from another party, but would not like to have personal contact.)

- Process includes:
  - The party submits the specific information they are requesting (additional medical information, health history, etc.) to the post adoption worker.
  - The post adoption worker contacts appropriate party, relays the request, acts as an intermediary, and provides support and counsel to the receiving party.
  - If New Life does not have current information on the sought out party and needs to do a **full search for an additional \$50**, the requesting party will be notified to see if they want to proceed prior to conducting the search.

**COUNSELING/CONSULTATION**

**Option H: One party desires counseling or consultation for a post adoption related issue – \$75 Fee (Hourly)**

- Process includes:
  - One face to face meeting with consultation; one hour minimum.
  - Can include consultation via phone as well, if preferred.
  - This service can be extended in one hour increments. Partial hours are billed as a full hour of service if they exceed the half hour mark.

**Option I: Both parties desire counseling or consultation – \$100 Flat Fee (\$75 hourly after the first hour of consultation)**

- Process includes:
  - Coordinating meeting with both parties.
  - Receiving all necessary information from both parties prior to meeting.
  - One face to face meeting with consultation with both parties present; one hour minimum.
  - Can include consultation via phone as well, if preferred.
  - This service can be extended in one hour increments. Partial hours are billed as a full hour of service if they exceed the half hour mark.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If your request is not listed above, please call the post adoption department at New Life Family Services and someone will help determine which fee (if any) apply.

*Minnesota Statute 259.83 (subd. 5) allows for agencies to charge reasonable fees for Post Adoption services. According to New Life Family Services' practice, for all Post Adoption services, except for fees charged for searching, payment must be received before the service is rendered. New Life Family Services charges the above fees in order to assist in covering costs for the services rendered. Vital services will not be denied. If necessary, contact New Life Family Services' Post Adoption department for possible fee reductions based on income.*