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1	Adoption Minnesota (Wellspring Adoption Agency) 111 Third Avenue So. Suite 370 Minneapolis, MN 55401 612-333-0489 www.adoption-minnesota.com	Independent Domestic Adoption	None	Inquiry, Information Packet, Orientation Meeting, Intake Meeting, Home Study, Training, Family Profile, Placement, Post-Placement	1. 63 2. 3 3. 45	Yes	Up to BP and AP	BPs can review all family profiles	1. 1-2 months 2. \$1900 3. Yes 4. Yes (if out of state) 5. Yes	N/A	• \$25 orientation • \$175 intake • \$10,450 package • \$600 post-placement • \$250-\$4500 birth parent counseling	16-18 Months	
2	African American Adoption Agency 2356 University Ave., Suite #220 St. Paul, MN 55114 651-659-0460 www.afadopt.org	Special Needs, Older, Birth Parent Counseling, Pregnancy Counseling, Training, Post-Adoption Services, Foster Care Adoptions, Private Adoptions (very limited)	None	Information Packet, Orientation, Training, Adoption Study, Approval, Placement	1. 23 2. 0 3. 24 * Agency specializes in foster children placements	No	Up to BP and AP	N/A	1. 6-8 months 2. \$0 3. Yes (if family member) 4. Depends 5. Yes	N/A	• modest foster placement finalization court filing fees	a year or more	
3	Bethany Christian Services 3025 Harbor Lane N, Suite 316 Plymouth, MN 55447 763-553-0344 www.bethany.org/plymouth	Domestic Infant, Intercountry Adoption, Embryo Adoption, Minnesota Waiting Children	Must be a Christian	Inquiry, Information Packet, Application, Group Meetings, Adoption Study, Approval, Active, Placement	1. 23 2. 1 3. 20	Yes	Up to BP and AP	Agency shows BP appropriate profiles based on BP criteria	1. 2-3 months 2. \$3500 3. Yes 4. Depends 5. Yes	\$500	• \$550 application • \$3000 home study • \$3500 program fee • \$1000 post-placement • \$6500 birth parent services	up to 2 years	
4	Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis/Seton Services 1276 University Avenue St. Paul, MN 55104 651-603-0254 www.cccspm.org	Adoption, Pregnancy Counseling and Birth Parent Services, Post-Adoption Program	Married at least 3 years	Inquiry, Information Packet, Information Meeting, Application, Process, Group Meetings, Adoption Study, Approval, Active, Placement, Post-Adoption meeting	1. 7 2. 1 3. 18	Yes	Expect Fully Open Relationship	BPs can review all family profiles	1. 6 months 2. \$950-\$3700 3. Yes 4. No 5. Yes	Covered by program fees	• \$500 application fee • \$1000 initial meetings • \$2500 placement • \$3000 birth parent counseling • program fees end up bringing total costs to \$12,000-\$15,000 depending on income	up to 2 years	
5	Catholic Charities Diocese of Winona 111 Market Street Suite 2 Winona, MN 55987 507-454-2270 www.ccwinona.org	Adoption, Pregnancy Counseling and Birth Parent Services, Post-Adoption Program	Married at least 2 years	Information Meeting, Application, Background Check, Adoption Study, Educational Series, Approval, While You Wait, Placement, Post-Placement Finalization	1. 11 2. 1 3. 20	Yes	Up to BP and AP	BPs can review all family profiles	1. 2-3 months 2. \$2950 3. Yes 4. Depends 5. Yes	No additional fees charged	• \$300 application fee • \$70/person background check • \$2950 Adoption study • \$3950-8900 program fee • \$3000 pregnancy program fee	1-3 years	
6	Children's Home Society & Family Services 1605 Eustis Street St Paul, MN 55108 651-646-6393 www.chsfs.org	Domestic Infant Open Adoption, Program for Minnesota's Waiting Children (older children living in foster care in MN), International, Waiting International Children's Program, Post-Adoption Services, individual and Family Counseling, Family Support Services, Pregnancy Counseling Services	25-50 years old and have 1 or no children in the family	Information Meeting, Registration, Screening (Background Checks, Reference Checks, Etc.), Pre-Adoption Workshop, Adoption Study, Waiting Family Book, Match Meeting, Cooperative Agreement, Placement, Post-Placement and Finalization	1. 21 (domestic infant) and 30 (MN Waiting) 2. 3 3. 72	Determined on a case-by-case basis	Up to BP and AP	BPs can review all family profiles	1. 3-4 months 2. \$3100 3. Yes 4. It Depends 5. Yes	\$1000 if used	No fees for families adopting through the Program for MN's Waiting Children. • Free info meeting & free program orientation • \$45 registration fee • \$500 adoption education classes • \$500 application processing • \$3,100 adoption study fee • \$5,400 coordination fee	• \$7,800 domestic program fee (if birth parent received CHSFS Birth parent and pregnancy counseling services) • \$500 finalization services fee • \$1000 family home care, if used (temporary care provided to a child during the legal risk period) • Adoption study update, required annually is \$800	varies
7	Crossroads Adoption Services 4600 West 77th Street, #200 Minneapolis, MN 55435 (952) 831-5707 www.crossroadsadoption.com	Domestic, International, Special Needs, Siblings, Older Children, Post-Adoption	None	Informational Meeting, Application, Educational Sessions, Home Study, Waiting Family Letter, Placement, Post-Placement, Finalization	1. 20 2. 0 3. 10	Yes	Up to BP and AP	BPs can review all family profiles	1. 2-6 months 2. \$2600 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. Yes	N/A	• \$400 application fee • \$2600 adoption study • \$2000 adoption processing fee • \$1050 placement and post-placement • \$8000-\$20,000 fees from partner agencies	0-18 months	
8	Downey Side 450 North Syndicate, Suite 380 St. Paul, MN 55104 651-228-0117 www.downeyside.com	Special needs and older children in foster care only	Married or committed relationship for at least 3 years Single parent allowed	Pre-Adoptive Training, Home Study, Licensed for Foster Care, Placement, Finalization	1. 25 2. N/A 3. 20	Yes	N/A	N/A	1. 2-3 months 2. No direct fees to AP 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. Yes	N/A	• No direct fees to AP and no agency fees	Varies depending on race, special needs, etc.	
9	God's Children Adoption Agency, Inc. 23592 Ridgewood Circle Fergus Falls, MN 56537 877-233-2025 www.adoptgodchildren.com	Home studies for international, domestic infant, and domestic foster care adoptions; partner with agencies (government and private) to promote and advocate for families	Must be a Christian, 2-parent family married for at least 1 year	Inquiry, Application, Home Study, Approval, Placement, Post-Placement Supervision, Finalization	1. 34 (5 through own program entirely and 29 through partnerships) 2. 0 3. 5 (+12 for foster care)	Yes	Up to BP and AP	BPs can review all family profiles	1. 6-8 weeks 2. \$3400 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. Yes	No additional fees charged	• \$3400 for AS • \$1800 for AS update for AS done at our agency • \$2100 for AS update if previous AS done at another agency • \$15,000 placement fee (when they place)	3-12 months	

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10	HOPE Adoption & Family Services International Inc. 5850 Omaha Ave. N. Oak Park Hts., MN 55082 651-439-2446 www.hopeadoptionsservices.org	Infant, Older Child, International, BP Counseling, Cultural Workshops, Post-Adoption Services, Therapy and Support	None	Inquiry, Information or Orientation Meeting, Application, Home Study, Training, Placement, Post-Placement Services, Finalization	1. 13 (infant) 20 (waiting child) 2. 2 (while in foster care and not placed) 3. 10 (infant)	Yes	Up to BP and AP	Agency shows BP appropriate profiles based on BP criteria	1. 3-4 months 2. \$1700-\$3500 3. Yes 4. Depends 5. Yes	If needed, 4 days of Bridge Care are included in program fee; then \$25/day.	No fees for adopting MN waiting children. • \$500 application • \$1700-\$3500 AS • \$1200 adoption processing • \$750 post-placement services • \$3000 to be in "pool" of waiting parents • \$7500 match	14 month average
11	LDS Social Services 6120 Earl Brown Drive, Suite 210 Brooklyn Center, MN 55430 763-560-0900 www.providentliving.org	Domestic Infant, Education, Support, Post-Placement Supervision	Must be married for at least 2 years and active members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Inquiry, Initial Paperwork, Application, Training & Meeting, Approval, Placement, Post-Placement Supervision, Finalization	1. 5 2. 0 3. 12	Yes, from one LDS Family Services agency to another	Up to BP and AP	BPs can review all family profiles	1. 2-3 months 2. \$1000 3. Yes 4. No 5. Yes	\$0	• \$1000 home study • Placement fee is 10% of combined gross income less the home study fee (minimum is \$4000 and maximum is \$10,000)	24 months
12	Love Basket 3902 Minnesota Avenue Duluth, MN 55802 218-720-3097 www.lovebasket.org	Domestic Infant, International, Post-Adoption, Birth Parent Services, Foster Care	Must be a Christian couple married for at least 3 years and at least 21 years old	Application, Home Study, Training, Approval, Placement, Post-Placement, Finalization	1. 12 2. 0 3. 6	Yes	Up to BP and AP	Agency shows BP appropriate profiles based on BP criteria	1. 1-2 months 2. \$1750 (\$995 AS update) 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. Yes	\$30/day if necessary	• \$445 application fee • \$1750 adoption study • \$4000 initial placement fee • \$12,000 balance of placement fee • \$900 post-placement • \$500 interstate compact (if needed)	up to 2 years
13	Lutheran Social Service 2400 Park Ave Minneapolis, MN 55404 612-879-5230 www.minnesotaadoption.org	Special Needs, BP Services, Infant/Open Adoption, International, Post-Adoption	None	Informational Meeting, Registration, application, Training, Adoption Study, Family Profile, Match, Cooperative Agreement, Placement, Post-Placement Supervision, Finalization	1. 64 2. 3 3. 45	Yes	Up to BP and AP	BPs can review all family profiles	1. 2 months 2. \$2000 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. Yes	\$1,000	• \$50 registration • \$500 application processing • \$250 per person pre-adoption education • \$2000 adoption study • \$4500 infant adoption program • \$8000 BP services	12 months
14	New Horizons Frost Benco Building, Hwy 254 Frost, MN 56033 507-878-3200 www.nhadoptionagency.com	Domestic, International, BP Counseling, Post-Placement Services, Foster Care	Must be a Christian couple married for at least 2 years and at least 23 years old	Pre-Application Packet, Application Packet, Education Session(s), Adoption Study, Adoption Study Approval, Family Profile, Active	1. 29 2. 0 3. 40	Yes	Up to BP and AP	BPs can review all family profiles	1. 2-3 months 2. \$3350 3. Yes 4. No 5. Yes	Included in domestic fee	• \$50 pre-application fee • \$150 application fee • \$1313 home study • \$750 home study/post-placement fee • \$9000-\$15,000 domestic fee	1-3 years
15	New Life Family Services 1515 East 66th Street Richfield, MN 55423 612-866-7643 www.nlfs.org	Domestic, Homes Studies for Embry Adoptions, BP Counseling	Must be a Christian Evangelical couple married for at least 2 years and be between 21-45 years old	Preliminary Application, Information Meeting, Formal Application, Home Study, Placement, Post-Placement Supervision, Finalization	1. 11 2. 0 3. 15	Yes	Up to BP and AP	Agency shows BP appropriate profiles based on BP criteria	1. 4 months 2. \$3000 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. Yes	\$750 if needed	• \$1500 application fee • \$3000 adoption study • \$5000 birth parent services • \$2000 placement services • \$3000 post-placement, finalization, post-adoption services	Average 15 months
16	North Homes 1880 River Road Grand Rapids, MN 55744 218-327-3000 www.northhomesinc.org	Special Needs, MWC, Pregnancy Counseling, Post-Adoption Services, Domestic Infant Adoptions, Third-Party Int'l for Non-Hague Countries, Foster Parent Adoptions, Foster Care, Respite Care, Lifebooks, Interstate Adoptions, Adoption Studies	None	Inquiry, Application Packet, Orientation, Background Process, Training, Adoption Study, Approval, Placement, Post-Placement Supervision until Finalization. For MWC Program, Transitional Services Available.	1. 6 (domestic infants) + 53 (MN Waiting Children) 2. 0 3. 29	Yes	Up to BP and AP	BPs can review all family profiles	1. 2-4 months 2. \$3100 (MN Waiting Children, free) 3. Yes 4. Depends 5. Yes (for dom. Infant)	\$35 per day cradle care for infants when applicable; no fees for MWC	Minnesota's Waiting Children (MWC) is free • \$200 application • \$3100 AS (\$540 AS update from same agency) • \$3000 placement activities • \$1600 post-placement • \$3250 BP counseling • \$2000 guardianship/direct placement services	Varies for domestic infant. 6-18 months for MWC
17	PATH (Metro) 2021 East Hennepin Ave. Suite 100 Minneapolis, MN 55413 651-642-5388 www.pathinc.org	Special Needs and MN Waiting Children	None	Intake Meeting, Interview with Family, Home Study, Training, Placement	Data Not Provided	Yes	N/A	N/A	1. 1-4 months 2. \$0 (MN Waiting Children) 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. Yes	None go to AP	No fees for MN Waiting Children. Any court fees at post-placement time are reimbursable to AP.	Varies depending on race, special needs, etc.

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18	Permanent Family Resource Center 1220 North Tower Road, Suite 101 Fergus Falls, MN 56537 218-998-3400 www.permanentfamily.org	Waiting Children, Domestic Infant, Step-Parent & Relative Adoptions, Pre-Adoptive Parent Training, Birth Parent Counseling, Post-Adoption Services	None	Inquiry, Orientation Meeting, Training, Application, Home Study, Referral, Placement, Finalization, Post-Finalization	1. 26 (for fiscal year) 2. 0 3. 30 (5 infant and 25 waiting child)	Yes	Up to BP and AP	Agency shows BP appropriate profiles based on BP criteria	1. 1-4 months 2. \$500 for Waiting Children and \$3100 for Domestic Infant/Toddler 3. Yes 4. No 5. AP receives AS, but can't use it at another agency	None	Waiting Children Program: • \$100 per person training • \$100 application fee • \$500 home study Domestic Infant/Toddler Program: • \$100 per person training • \$100 application fee • \$3100 home study • \$4400 placement fee Other Program Fees (if needed): • \$1600 post-placement services • \$2500 designated adoption • \$2500 relative adoption • \$65/hr step-parent adoption • \$250 attorney fee	6-24 months
19	Summit Adoption Home Studies, Inc. 1389 Summit Avenue St. Paul, MN 55105 651-645-6657 www.summitadoption.com	Home Study Services, Post-Placement Visit/Report, MN Father Registry Searches, Witness of Domestic BP Consent	None	Contact, Intake Meeting, 2 Home Study Meetings in AP's Home, Home Study Completed, AP works with an adoption agency to have a child placed with them, Post-Placement Report to Court	63 Home Studies completed in 2008 More than 100 completed in each of 2005, 2006, and 2007	Yes	N/A	N/A	1. 5 days* - 3 months 2. \$2200 (new) - \$1900 (update) 3. Yes 4. N/A 5. Yes <i>*Can be expedited if reqd</i>	N/A	• \$300 for each additional post-placement visit/report • \$40 MN Birth Father Registry search • \$350 witness of domestic BP consent	N/A