



## Adoption Services Program Statement

Graceful Adoptions is a licensed full-service child placing adoption agency that focuses on finding loving and responsible families for infants and toddlers living in the United States.

**In order to qualify for Graceful Adoptions programs, adoptive parents must:**

- Have an approved adoption home study from a licensed social worker and/or licensed agency to provide such services
- Be between the age of 30-50 (others on a case-by-case basis)
- If married, have been for a minimum of two years for a first marriage and five years for a second marriage
- Have a maximum of two marriages per parent
- Have a minimum gross annual income of \$40,000 plus \$10,000 per each child living in the home

The adoption process can be an emotional and trying journey for the expectant parents as well as the adoptive family. Graceful Adoptions' objective is to provide quality care and services to both parties and to ensure a smooth transition for the child. For the expectant mother the services offered include assistance getting Medicaid, counseling, development of an adoption plan, legal support through the adoption process, and if needed and allowed by state laws, medical and living expense support. Adoptive parents will receive support identifying an organization to complete an adoption home study and post placement reviews, developing a Family Profile, being matched with expectant parent(s), developing a communications plan, and coordinating legal support during the adoption process.

At Graceful Adoptions, we treat every expectant mother with honesty and respect and we never lose sight that placing a child for adoption is often a very difficult decision and time in her life. To support expectant parents through this process, we offer counseling before, during and after the adoption. In addition, we help them plan for the ongoing support they will need.

**Graceful Adoptions Fees:**

**Application Fee:** \$350

**Family Activation Fee:** \$3,000

This is a one-time cost. The fee is waived for future adoptions with Graceful Adoptions.

**Family Profile Fee:** \$350

All profiles are professionally designed to ensure consistent format across all Graceful Adoption families.

**Agency Fee:** \$18,000

The Agency Fee covers expenses associated with matching your family with expecting parents, coordination and support throughout the process, and up to three hours of counseling and three for both the birth mother and father.

**Communications Fee:** \$500

This is a one-time cost. The fee applies when there is an on-going, non-identifying communications between the birth and adoptive parents. The fee covers coordinating communications between the parties for the term of the Communications Plan, which is usually 18 years.

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If the Match is disrupted by the expecting mother or some other cause beyond the control of the adoptive parents prior to finalizing the adoption, adoptive parents have the following refund options:

1. 100% of the Agency Fee paid/collected will be applied to the adoptive parents' next adoption through Graceful Adoptions.
2. 75% of the Agency Fee paid/collected will be refunded to the adoptive parents.

Adoptive parents who withdraw their Application or disrupt a match forfeit all fees paid at the time of the disruption. In the event the child is born with serious medical problems that were unexpected prior to the match, adoptive parents may choose to disrupt the match and to elect either of the refund options.

Payment and acceptance of the application fee does not constitute approval by Graceful Adoptions that the adoptive family's application will be approved and accepted by Graceful Adoptions. Approval and acceptance to the adoption program with Graceful Adoption is initially made following the home study and background check reviews, and again when the Adoption Agreement is signed.

If adoptive families are denied participation in Graceful Adoptions program, they have the right to appeal the agency's decision, or other diverse decisions. Appeals may be made to Graceful Adoptions' Agency Administrator.

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