

Background and Search Fee Schedule 2019

Service	Description	Fee
Search Consultation	Many times an adoptee has difficulty in making a decision to search or not. The consultation will assist an adoptee in coming to a decision by answering various questions. There will be a fee charged when the archived records need to be pulled in order to answer some pre-reunion questions.	\$50.00
Pre-Search consultation	A pre-search consultation fee will be charged if an in-person interview/consultation is requested.	\$100.00
Background Report	This report will give physical descriptions, ages, educational backgrounds, occupations, health and special interests of birth family members as told to our agency by the birth parents at the time of adoption placement. The report will also include a social history, which will include all available information such as the circumstances which led to adoption placement. According to NJ law, the agency cannot release any indentifying information concerning birth family members. All non-indentifying details will be included. The fee includes an in-person counseling session regarding the background information, if desired.	\$200.00
Search	At the request of an adoptee or birth parent, an agency Social Worker will make all reasonable efforts to locate and contact the appropriate members of the adoption triad. The agency will conduct the search with respect for the right to privacy of the person being sought. The agency does not guarantee success in finding the person sought, nor is there any assurance that the person will agree to contact. If all parties are in agreement, a reunion will be facilitated through telephone, mail, or in person. A counseling interview, in person or by telephone if the adoptee lives too far away, to discuss ramifications of a search is required. This includes receiving background information which will be provided prior to the time of the interview. If the searcher is unable to come to our office, he/she may go to any agency which has experience in adoption. The search fee only covers the initial search. The adoptee must be 18 years old to search.	\$600.00 for the initial search \$100.00 for each additional search
Pre/Post Reunion Counseling	Counseling services will be provided at the birth parent or adult adoptee's request prior to the reunion to discuss possible outcomes, ramifications or expectations of the possible reunion. Counseling will be provided post reunion to assist with issues that may arise during the reunion.	\$100.00 per hour
Passport Letter Service	Sometimes an adult adoptee will experience difficulty in obtaining a passport with his or her amended birth certificate. The agency will provide a notarized letter regarding the circumstances of the adoption, such as when and where the adoption was finalized. This letter will usually suffice to meet passport requirements. A copy of identification is required to receive the letter.	\$50.00

Client Signature: _____ Date: _____

CHS of NJ Representative: _____ Date: _____