



RENEWED HOPE PROGRAM FOR PLACING FAMILIES

Nightlight Christian Adoptions recognizes that it is the desire of every family to have a successful adoption, even when a child may face difficult issues; yet unexpected problems may challenge a family and child beyond what they can handle. One course is for the child to be placed in a new family where the child's needs can better be met.

What is ReNEWed Hope? This is a program that offers new hope for families and their children who need to find a more successful placement for their adopted child.

Making the decision to dissolve an adoption is very difficult, but before you decide to find another family you may want to read this article: ["Was Our Adoption a Mistake?"](#)

THE PROCESS

1. First complete an intake so that we can determine some of the most pressing issues
2. You will be able to speak with one of our professional adoption educators/advisors or counselor for at least one hour to discuss the problems and challenges you and the child are facing and what steps could be taken to help you and the child.
3. Nightlight staff will visit your child and determine the factors that are leading to a dissolution. The preferred site is in your home, but if your child is in residential or respite care, the staff member will visit that site instead.
4. Before we can find a new family for a child, we must know as much as we can about the child, including the child's genetic background, history before the adoption, the child's medical history and status, school records, and behaviors and any other diagnosis or issues the child has had. **It is imperative that you send scanned copies of all records, including therapy, medical, and educational records.** A link to our Placing Parent checklist will be sent to you, and you will be able to upload all of the needed documents directly to our database.
5. Once we have completed the comprehensive background report on your child, we will seek to find an appropriate family. This can take a few weeks or months depending upon your child's issues and the

criteria you set for the new family. Also, please keep in mind that the speed at which we can begin advocating for your child is dependent upon the finalized comprehensive background report. The completion of this document relies heavily on the speed at which you provide the requested documentation.

6. Nightlight will use photo listing as a means to locate a new family for your child. Your child will not be photo listed until the background report is completed and finalized. Nightlight uses the following means of photo listing children, adoptionbridge.org, rainbowkids.org, waiting child e-mails, Instagram, and Facebook. Nightlight is very concerned with protecting your child and your family's identity. Your child's photo will be listed with a pseudonym to protect his identity, and we will be careful to only include pertinent information in online write up. We endeavor to present your child in the most positive light, and therefore avoid including any diagnosis or identifying information that could be found later in your child's adult life. In addition, Nightlight utilizes the password protected websites listed above first. We also use a closed e-mail list of families who have signed up to adopt waiting children. We utilize social media on a limited basis. Please note that we have found social media to be one of the best tools for locating your child's next family. All families joining the ReNewed Hope program must agree to allow Nightlight to utilize all forms of photo listing and social media platforms in locating a family for their child.
7. Once a family has been identified, we will coordinate your communication with the potential adoptive family to share information verbally about your child's needs and behaviors so that you and the next family are comfortable.
8. Nightlight requires that all potential adoptive families meet with the child and new family for a short period of time before permanently moving. At this time, we will develop a Placement Service Plan with both families that details the transition plan and post placement expectations of all parties. Each plan for how quickly the child will move to the new home will depend upon the needs of the child, not the placement or adopting parents. Nightlight desires to make sure the transition is one that will cause the least amount of trauma to your child.
9. Nightlight will help coordinate with an attorney or other person permitted to take a relinquishment. In most instances, Nightlight is not named as the party accepting legal custody of the child. Only the new adoptive parents are named as the persons taking legal and physical custody of the child. Nightlight does not take legal custody of children in the ReNewed Hope program.
10. In addition to any post adoption requirements required by your child's initial placing entity or country, Nightlight will require the family to have at least three (3) post-placement/adoption visits and at least one report conducted by Nightlight or an agency within the new adoptive family's state. If the child is placed in a state outside of the states in which Nightlight is licensed, we will be following up regularly with the home study provider and the adoptive family to be sure that the placement is going well and the family is receiving the resources they need.

ATTACHMENT A
 NIGHTLIGHT® CHRISTIAN ADOPTIONS
 RENEWED HOPE – FEES AND ESTIMATED COSTS

PROGRAM FEE	COSTS	TOTALS	NOTES
Consultation Fee		\$150	Upon submission of child intake form
Program Fee		\$2,500	Due upon acceptance of application
Total Program Fee		\$2,650	
OTHER COSTS (ESTIMATED)	COSTS	TOTALS	NOTES
Additional Expenses		\$1,000 – \$5,000	
Staff Travel to visit the child	\$500-\$2,500		Cost of travel and hotel for one night, varies by state
Placing Attorney Fee	\$500-2,500		Costs vary by state and attorney. This fee is for taking relinquishments and filing paperwork with ICPC from the sending state. If in a state where Nightlight is licensed, the agency may do some of this work and the fee is \$500 for taking relinquishments.
Total Other Costs (Est.)		\$1,000 – \$5,000	
TOTAL FEES & ESTIMATED EXPENSES			
GRAND TOTAL		\$3,650-\$7,650	

Although we strive to maintain a predictable fee schedule, unexpected increase in our costs may necessitate an increase in fees. Therefore, fees may be increased upon 90 day notice.

Program fees are paid in phases and are non-refundable. Nightlight establishes a budget for costs each year based on the number of adoptions it estimates completing, as well as revenue from grants and donations. Based on these estimates, we establish program fees to cover the costs of attorneys, facilitators, social workers, insurance, and other costs we incur. Of course it would be prohibitive to allocate all of the costs (payroll, rent, insurance, supplies, travel, etc) to one adoption in one program.

A late fee of 12% annual (1% monthly) will be assessed for fees more than 30 days past due.

Please initial on both this page and the following page that you have received a copy of this List of Fees and Estimated Costs.

Date: _____ **Adopting Parents:** _____