

Post-Adoption Services and Fees  
Korean Program (ESWS)

These services are available to persons adopted from Eastern Social Welfare Society in Korea and their families. To initiate post-adoption services, all clients must submit a Registration and pay the registration fee.

**Available Services:**

**New Beginnings File Review**, for New Beginnings to retrieve a file from storage.

**File Review by Foreign Agency**, to request the foreign agency to review the file for additional information regarding the adoption.

**Foster Parent Contact:** (This service is limited to families who have adopted from Korea.) Adoptees and their parents may seek this outreach to learn more about the early part of the adoptee's life. There is no minimum age to request this service. Families often request the foster parent meeting when visiting Korea.

**Birth family Search:** Adopted person age 19 and older and adoptive parents of children 13 years and older may request outreach to birthparent.

The decision to search may vary, but below are the most common reasons:

- Need for updated medical information
- Wish for personal answers to adoption decision questions
- The desire for knowledge about their current life situation and opportunity to meet and establish a relationship

If you are considering a birth family search, this article may be helpful: "10 Questions to Ask..." by Holly McGinnis [www.alsoknownas.org/resources/10questions.html](http://www.alsoknownas.org/resources/10questions.html)

Frequently asked questions on Birth family searches:

- What is the percentage of successful birthparent searches? Contact depends on the availability of specific identifying information, but the presence of a birth parent's name does not ensure that a successful search will be possible. It also requires the birth family to consent to contact. Although some birthparent searches do result in contact, many do not.
- How long does the average search take? The search process and time varies, but generally, the search takes six to eight months or longer.
- When is the best age to search? There is no perfect age. Birth family searches can produce difficult or complicated information. As you can imagine, the details surrounding the birth family and the relinquishment are often more intricate than the brief information provided with the referral. Sometimes the birthparent cannot be contacted or does not want contact. This rejection can be painful. The birth parent may want information about the adopted person and adoptive family. The request is a two-way exchange and requires a commitment to an ongoing correspondence through the agency. The minimum age permitted by ESWS to initiate a search is 13. We would expect the adoptee for which the search is being conducted to have the maturity to manage the various and potential complicated outcomes that could result from the search.

**Available Services for families traveling on their own to the country of origin**

**Meeting with foster mother.**

**Visit orphanage or place of birth,** ESWS has the process in place to accommodate most requests.

**Meeting with birth family members,** ESWS has the process in place to accommodate most requests.

**Translation of letters and documents.**

A portion of the service fees collected can be used to support the efforts of the Foreign Agency Staff. Fees also help to partially defray the costs for NBFCS post-adoption services and support to complete your service request. All fees are subject to change at any time. Please be aware that refunds cannot be given for work that has been requested.

<b>Services</b>	<b>Fees for Adult Adoptee</b>	<b>Fees for Adoptive Parents</b>
Registration	No Charge*	\$50.00**
New Beginnings File Review	\$50.00	\$50.00
ESWS File Review	No Charge*	\$250.00
Foster Parent Contact	No Charge*	\$250.00
Birth family Search	No Charge*	\$300.00
Request Visit to ESWS	No Charge*	\$200.00
<b>Services Available when in Korea</b>		
Meeting with Foster Mother in Korea	Requested donation of \$125/meeting	Requested donation of \$125/meeting
Visit orphanage or birthplace	Requested donation of \$100/visit	Requested donation of \$100/visit
Meeting with Birth family members	Requested donation of \$175/meeting	Requested donation of \$175/meeting
Translation of letters and documents	10¢ per word; minimum charge per letter is \$20.00	10¢ per word; minimum charge per letter is \$20.00

\* Fees for Adult Adoptee Services are paid for through donations to the Beyond the Placement Program.

\*\*If you are requesting expedited service (made within 30 days of travel), the Registration Fee is \$100.00.

For services that request a donation, the donation should be given directly to ESWS. Please remember that staff and social workers are providing their time and services to arrange and be available for these functions. We strongly encourage donations made for these services to be greater than what is recommended.

Please be aware that to conduct a birth family search, file reviews must be requested. If the service request is extensively complicated, New Beginnings and persons in Korea reserve the right to charge additional fees as appropriate.