Explanation of Non-CCAI Adoption Expenses
For Families in Colorado

1. The State of Colorado requires that all adoptive families undergo a Child Abuse Record search at a cost of **$35** for two adults. Families complete and submit the State of Colorado "Background Inquiry Form" to CCAI with their Application for Adoption.

2. The State of Colorado requires that all adoptive families be fingerprinted thru CBI and FBI for the home study. This is required of each person in the home age 17 or older and the cost is **$39.50** per person. CCAI will provide the family the necessary fingerprint cards once the application is approved.

3. Lutheran Family Services is the Colorado Department of Human Services contractor who must approve all Colorado home studies before they are sent to the USCIS. They charge **$250** for this required review.

4. IAAME (Intercountry Adoption Accreditation and Maintenance Entity) is designated by the Department of State to accredit agencies for the purpose of providing intercountry adoption services in the United States. The accrediting entity charges **$500** per approved application where CCAI agrees to serve as the primary provider. (This fee is charged on a per-child basis; if a family is adopting more than one child, IAAME will collect an additional $500 per child at the time of referral.)

5. The USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services) charges **$775** at the time that you file the I-600A. Each person 17 years old or older in the household must be fingerprinted. **$**85 for each person to be fingerprinted should be included in the initial USCIS check/credit card. The USCIS approval is valid for 15 months. Please remember that Ukraine adoption timelines are controlled by the NATSOCSERV and are subject to change. Due to extended timelines, you may need to re-file your immigration application, which includes a new I-600A form, fingerprinting, and a home study update. The overall cost to re-file can be an additional $945 plus a home study update fee.

6. The cost of dossier preparation varies depending on what your state charges for issuing birth and marriage certificates and for document apostilles. The cost of documentation notarization may also vary depending on the notary. Usually, each family has approximately 28 apostilled documents in their dossier. The **$350** estimate reflects the average that families will spend compiling the adoption dossier.

7. The In-Country fee to the Ukraine facilitator ranges from **$9,090 - $11,090**, including wire fees, depending on facilitator used, for one child. Additional fees will apply if adopting more than one child. The in-country fees include:
   a. (First fee) Translation, legalization, and submission of dossier
   b. (Second fee) Translation services, preparing documentation for NATSOCSERV and court, and submission of documents to various government entities
   c. (Third fee) Translation of court documents, translation services at court, obtaining passports, new birth certificate and other court decision required for US Immigration Visa and preparation of documents for filing for US Immigration Visa

8. Airfare to Ukraine may range from **$1,300 - $1,800** per adult traveler per trip (3 trips total) based on economy flights from your home airport during regular season travel. A one-way ticket for a child over age 2 is approximately **$1,000**.

9. Average estimated in-Ukraine travel & meals/accommodations (total for all 3 trips, estimated 25 days) are approximately **$2,285 - $6,000** per couple adopting one child.
   a. Fee estimates are based on general ground transportation (bus, train, taxi) fares. Traveling via domestic flights or private driver will incur higher costs.
   b. Families electing to stay in hotels in Kiev will have higher accommodation costs ranging from $150 - $250 a night. Apartment costs range from $50 - $75 a night.

10. Your child will be issued a Ukraine passport on which she/he will enter the US. The Ukraine passport usually costs **$100 - $150**. This is issued by the local Ukraine government passport agency.

11. The US Consulate in Kiev requires that children have physicals performed prior to their exit interview. The **$215** covers the cost of this exam and photos that children will have taken for their US Consulate visit.

12. A Ukraine Assistant (to your in-country facilitator) may travel with you to the region to assist with the process. Families are responsible for the assistant's room/board and travel at a cost of approximately $50 per day, for an average of 14 days, total average **$700**.

13. Your child's visa to enter the US will cost **$325** and will be issued by the US Consulate in Kiev.

14. The adoptive family is required to pay a child-rearing fee to the orphanage where the adoptive child was residing. The amount of this orphanage fee is **$1,000**. If you are adopting multiple children, this fee will vary. This fee covers living expenses that the orphanage has already provided to the child and helps improve the overall living conditions of the orphanage. Families pay this fee directly to the orphanage when they are in Ukraine.

15. The adoption will need to be validated after you return to Colorado at a cost of **$167** through your local county court.

16. Your child will need a birth certificate issued by the State of Colorado. The cost is **$37.75**.

17. If only one parent travels to complete the adoption in Ukraine, the child will return on an IR-4 visa, therefore will not automatically receive US citizenship status. The parent that did not travel will need to complete an adoption in the local county court of residence before applying for the child's US Certificate of Citizenship. The cost for the Certificate of Citizenship is $1,170. The domestic adoption process should be started after the adoption is finalized in Ukraine.