

SERVICES AND PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

TYPE OF SERVICE	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	TIME IT TAKES
<p>Home Study Services</p>	<p>First time Home Study Applicants</p> <p>AFT offers home study (HS) services for Hawaii-based families. Anyone adopting a child from any situation, must have a valid, approved home study prior to adopting. AFT can provide home study services for clients who adopt through our AFT adoption programs, and for clients who adopt through a third party (adoption agency, facilitator, attorney, etc.). AFT will collaborate with the child placing entity to ensure that home study requirements are met.</p> <p>Second Time Home Study Applicants (HS Updates)</p> <p>AFT can update home studies for clients who previously used HIC or AFT for a home study. We can provide home studies for most clients who have previously completed home studies through third party agencies.</p>	<p>A typical HS can take 4 to 6 months on average.</p> <p>A HS update can take as long as a HS</p>
<p>Post Placement/ Post Adoption Reports</p>	<p>Post Placement vs. Post Adoption</p> <p>A post placement report is required after a child has been placed with a family where a legal adoption <u>has not been</u> finalized. A post adoption report is required after a child has been placed with a family where a legal adoption <u>has been</u> finalized.</p> <p>The reports are written following one or more visits with the child and family. A minimum of two reports are usually necessary following child placement to meet requirements. In some cases reports are required for a number of years following child placement. Post adoption requirements are determined by the sending country, state, agency, and/or prevailing home state regulations.</p>	<p>These reports do not usually require much paperwork, but require a client visit and interview.</p>

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<p>Pre Adoption Parent Training</p>	<p>Pre Adoption Parent Training (APT)</p> <p>AFT offers preadoption parent training (APT) courses February through November. We offer training for domestic and intercountry adoption. Courses are offered in person and using remote technology. Courses are offered as two, three or four week classes of two or more hours each session. Participants receive a minimum of twelve (12) hours of course work.</p> <p>The AFT APT courses prepare adoptive applicants for the essential issues of adoptive parenting. Occasionally full-day courses provide the full training in one session. Our ICA APT course meets Hague training requirements.</p> <p>All parents must complete pre adoptive parent training prior to a child being placed in their home.</p>	<p>APT is offered once a month on average and must be completed prior to child placement.</p> <p>APT takes two to four weeks to complete, on average.</p>
<p>Post Placement/ Post Adoption Reports</p>	<p>Home Study Update – An annual home visit is required by the State of Hawaii for any home study. This fee and process also applies to any client using AFT for home study services. By law, home studies are valid for one year and the State of Hawaii requires a home visit and update to home studies for any client actively pursuing an adoption. Note that AFT may agree to split the the update fee into two payments for returning AFT HS clients in some cases.</p>	<p>A HS update can take as long as a HS</p>
<p>Ka Makana Domestic Adoption Program</p>	<p>The AFT Ka Makana (Domestic) Adoption Program is available to Hawaii-based prospective adoptive families and Hawaii-based birth families. This program places children at birth, with adoptive families. The AFT Ka Makana program supports birth mothers in their parenting decision-making process. AFT Ka Makana clients complete their pre-adoptive parent training, home study, and post adoption services through AFT. Final adoption processing will be completed by a third-party attorney with support from AFT. The Ka Makana program provides supportive domestic adoption services to all members of the adoption triad.</p>	<p>Adopting a child domestically can take a few months to a few years.</p>

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<p>Readoption Services</p>	<p>Readoption Services</p> <p>AFT strongly advises all families who have adopted internationally to establish their child's foreign adoption with the State of Hawaii. This process, otherwise known as the Procedure to Establish Foreign Adoption, takes place in family court and results in a local adoption decree for your child. Once completed, you may submit this decree to the Department of Health, applying for a local birth certificate, otherwise known as the Certificate of Foreign Birth. Your child's local birth certificate may be the document required for many future administrative processes and will replace your child's birth country-issued birth certificate for day to day transactions.</p> <p>AFT offers the readoption service for families who have adopted through HIC/AFT as well as for non AFT families.</p>	<p>Once you have provided documents to AFT, the process takes between 6 and 14 months on average.</p>
<p>Pono Roots - Counseling Services</p>	<p>Family Counseling, Couples Counseling, Parenting Support, and Adoption Related Individual Counseling at Pono Roots</p> <p>Our Pono Roots Counseling Center offers client-focused counseling support for a variety of client needs. As experts in adoption and parenting, we understand and can address specific concerns or needs present in your family, your marriage or relationship. We also support individuals questioning adoption or other related identity issues. Couples facing fertility or family-building issues will find support at Pono Roots.</p>	<p>Counseling support services are available on an on-going basis.</p>
<p>Everything, Everything.</p>	<p>All the other adoption or family-building services you may need which we've not included in this list...</p> <p>At AFT, we pride ourselves on being able to answer just about any adoption or family building or supporting need that anyone brings to our attention. So with that in mind, we welcome your calls, emails, and any question you may have adoption adoption, foster care, family counseling or support services. So even if what you think you need isn't listed here, please give us a call and see how we can help. We love our work, and without our families, we'd have nothing to do!</p>	