

South Carolina Department of Social Services
NOTICE

If the family assessment in this file contains any of the following information, this information is to be disregarded in making any decision about foster/adoptive placements and/or about the suitability of the family to care for a child of another race, color or national origin:

1. Statements by the family of the race, color, or national origin of child the family wishes to care for.
2. Assessment of the family's ability to care for a child of a different race, color, or national origin than the family.
3. Recommendation of the race, color, or national origin of child the family is approved to care for.

South Carolina Department of Social Services staff may not present during a placement committee or otherwise consider any of the above information in making foster/adoptive placement decisions or in determining a family's capacity to care for a specific child or children in general.

In the rare circumstance where it appears that the child's best interest would require consideration of the race, color, or national origin of a parent or child, DSS must conduct a detailed and individualized assessment of why such consideration is in the child's best interest. Consult the Human Services Policy and Procedure Manual, Chapter 4, Section 413 or Chapter 8, Section 815 for the process to use for obtaining this assessment.

Date

Supervisor's Signature