

CHAPTER 4, Adoption and Birth Parent Services

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410.01 Birth Parent Services - Needs Assessment

Adoption Specialist

1. Reviews information on the intake and contacts the client by phone to schedule an interview. Client need will determine the urgency of scheduling the first interview;
2. Conducts the first interview at a location convenient to the client;
3. Determines client's understanding of the problem;
4. Explains the agency, including the services that can be provided;
5. Assures the client of the right to confidentiality;
6. Reviews/documents the client's family unit, resources and plans;
7. Explains to client the need to involve the child's father in making a permanent plan for the child;
8. Counsels on options available which include keeping and parenting the child with or without support from the child's father and/or other family members, or the plan of adoption;
9. If the client expresses an interest in abortion, makes a referral to Planned Parenthood or other health care professional (see #10 below if client is a minor);
10. Counsels with minor clients on involving their parents in the process. If the client expresses an interest in abortion and parent cannot or will not consent or minor does not wish to involve parent, provides [DSS Brochure 2476 Consent for Teenage Abortion](#), which explains the procedures for obtaining court approval for an abortion;
11. Provides assistance as required; and
12. Schedules the next interview.

Referenced Documents

[DSS Brochure 2476](#)

Revision Comments