



411 Voluntary Placement



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Adoption Specialist

1. Counsels with client who is considering adoption, but needs additional time to decide. In no case accepts a voluntary placement if such a placement does not appear to be in the child's best interest. If the family wishes to voluntarily place because they are experiencing problems with the child, makes every effort to assist by helping the family to obtain supportive services from the county DSS office or other appropriate resource. Makes a referral to the county DSS Child Protective Services unit if abuse or neglect is suspected;
2. Accepts voluntary placement, DSS Form 30130, on newborns still in the hospital if birth parent is considering adoption. A copy is sent to the county Department of Social Services in which the birth parent resides;
3. Transfers the case to the county Department of Social Services for permanency planning after 30 days if the birth parent is still undecided about adoption or return home;
4. Refers the case to the county Department of Social Services in which the birth

parent resides when the Adoption Specialist feels a relinquishment is inappropriate; and

Adoption Supervisor

5. When a birth parent wants to relinquish a child, contacts the adoption office, which serves the county of the birth parent's residence. The county supervisor and adoption supervisor decide if a relinquishment is appropriate or schedule a staffing if more discussion is needed.

Referenced Documents

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