



416.01 Background Summary - Child Older than 12 Months



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1. Collects the following information. Medical records are obtained from health care providers by consent of the birth parent (preferable) or of DSS, if the child is in the Department's custody:

- a. Birth information on the pregnancy and delivery
- b. Birth family information, including physical descriptions, education, health/medical/psychological/psychiatric needs, talents, special interests, substance abuse issues, and other significant information;
- c. Developmental information, including child's early experiences with attachment and separation, and the relationship of parent(s) to child
- d. Medical needs/special needs;
- e. Out-of-home placements, including placements with relatives, institutions, foster homes. Names and locations are included;
- f. Sibling relationships;
- g. Attachments to former foster parents and need for continuing relationships, if any;
- h. Special services needed;

- i. Current functioning, including school placement;
- j. Circumstances of why and how the child entered foster care;
- k. Reason for adoption;
- l. Legal status;

Referenced Documents

Revision Comments

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Added new "g" to require that information is collected relating to attachments between the child and former foster parents and the need for continuing relationships. Former "g" through "k" will now be "h" through "l".