

5101:2-48-08

Adoption inquiry.

(A) The public children services agency (PCSA), private child placing agency (PCPA) and private noncustodial agency (PNA) shall maintain a log of inquiries from persons interested in being adoptive parents. The log shall indicate the follow-up that occurred with each inquiry. Follow-up shall be equally timely for all inquirers regardless of their geographical location. Each PCSA, PCPA and PNA shall respond to inquiries concerning adoption within seven working days and shall provide the following information to the inquirer:

(1) A copy of the JFS 01675 "Ohio Adoption Guide";

(2) A description of Title IV-E adoption assistance and state adoption subsidy programs including eligibility requirements and the application process;

(3) The address of the Ohio adoption photo listing web page, www.state.oh.us/odjfs/oapl;

(4) How to obtain an application for adoption and a copy of the PCSA, PCPA or PNA adoption policy, or summary of the policy, prepared pursuant to rule 5101:2-48-05 of the Administrative Code;

(5) A criminal records check is required, as a precondition to being approved for an adoptive placement, for all prospective adoptive parents and all adult residents of an adoptive home; and

(6) The foster care/adoption homestudy assessment process.

(B) If the inquirer resides out of state and has an approved homestudy, the PCSA, PCPA or PNA shall send the inquirer a copy of the JFS 01675. If the family has identified a child they are interested in, the family should be given the telephone number to the custodial agency.

(C) If the inquirer resides out of state and does not have an approved homestudy, the PCSA, PCPA or PNA shall send the inquirer a copy of the JFS 01675. The PCSA, PCPA or PNA shall also inform the inquirer that they will need a completed and approved homestudy from their state of residence in order to adopt an Ohio waiting child.

(D) The PCSA, PCPA and PNA shall develop and implement referral procedures whereby an inquiry from an Ohio resident, who does not meet requirements for adoption services as identified in the agency's adoption policy, is referred to another agency for adoption services. If the inquirer is from an Ohio county, other than the county where the PCSA, PCPA or PNA is located, a referral shall include, at a minimum, the name, address and telephone number of the PCSA in the county of the inquirer's residence.

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