

TO BE RESCINDED

5101:2-48-08 **Adoption inquiry.**

(A) Each public children services agency (PCSA), private child placing agency (PCPA), and private noncustodial agency (PNA) shall respond to inquiries concerning adoption within seven working days and shall provide the following information to the inquirer:

- (1) A copy of JFS 01675, "Ohio Adoption Guide."
- (2) A description of the characteristics and approximate number of children available for adoption in Ohio.
- (3) Information concerning:
 - (a) A description of Title IV-E adoption assistance and state adoption subsidy programs including eligibility requirements and the application process;
 - (b) The availability, for review, of a copy of the "Ohio Adoption Photo Listing" (OAPL), and the address of the AdoptOhio photo listing web page; and the JFS 01675, "Ohio Adoption Guide;"
 - (c) How to obtain an application for adoption and a copy of the PCSA, PCPA, or PCA adoption policy, or summary of the policy, prepared pursuant to rule 5101:2-48-05 of the Administrative Code.
 - (d) The requirement that all adoptive applicants shall provide a set of impressions of their fingerprints and that a criminal records check must be conducted and satisfactorily completed in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code if they wish to be considered for adoptive placement of a child. In addition, adoptive applicants may be responsible for paying the required fee for the criminal records check; and
 - (e) The foster care/adoption homestudy assessment process.

(B) When the PCSA is not functioning as an adoptive family service agency (AFSA) and will not be able to complete the homestudy within one hundred eighty days, the PCSA shall refer the family to an AdoptOhio agency which will accept and complete the homestudy. The referral shall be made within two working days of the family's inquiry.

- (C) 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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