

5101:2-48-11

**Approval of a foster home for adoptive placement.**

(A) Except as outlined in rule 5101:2-48-11.1 of the Administrative Code, when a foster caregiver who ~~has not been~~ is not an approved ~~to be an~~ adoptive parent through the joint homestudy process expresses an interest in being approved as an adoptive parent, the agency is responsible for completing the following:

(1) Assist the foster caregiver in completing the JFS 01691, "Application for Child Placement" (~~rev. 12/2006~~)(rev. 6/2009).

(2) ~~Compile and review~~Review and attach the following information to determine the appropriateness of the foster caregiver for adoptive placement:

(a) The most recent JFS 01653, "Medical Statement for Foster Care/Adoptive Applicant and All Household Members" (~~rev. 02/2003~~)(rev. 6/2009), if deemed necessary by the agency.

(b) JFS 01349, "Foster Home Homestudy" (rev. 01/2003) or the JFS 01673, "Assessment for Child Placement (Homestudy)" (rev. 8/2005), the JFS 01673-A "Child Characteristics Checklist for Foster Care and/or Adoption" (rev. 08/2005) and the JFS 01530 "Multiple Children/Large Family Assessment" (rev. 12/2006), as applicable.

(c) All JFS 01385 "Assessment for Child Placement Update" (rev. 12/2006) forms, if applicable.

(d) Foster home record.

(e) The bureau of criminal identification and investigation (BCII) and federal bureau of investigation (FBI) reports as outlined in rule 5101:2-48-10 of the Administrative Code, if deemed necessary by the agency.

(f) Case record information documented by the placement worker's visits to the foster home.

(3) Have an assessor:

(a) Review information contained on the JFS 01691.

(b) Conduct a home visit.

(c) Complete the JFS 01530, if applicable, as outlined in rule 5101:2-48-12 of

the Administrative Code when a family has a total of five or more children residing in the home, including foster children and children in kinship care; or if the family will have a total of five or more children who will reside in the home upon the adoptive placement of a child.

- (d) Observe the interaction between the child, foster caregiver and other members of the household, if applicable.
  - (e) Discuss how the foster caregiver ~~has been~~is working with the child on problems ~~which were~~ identified in the case plan and how they will deal with long term issues the child may have.
  - (f) Discuss the availability of adoption assistance and postfinalization adoption services with the foster caregiver.
- (4) Based upon information obtained through review of documentation outlined in paragraph (A) of this rule, the assessor shall complete the ~~portions~~sections of the JFS 01673 ~~that were~~ not previously completed on the JFS 01349, and attach the JFS 01349 and most recent ~~attach the most recent~~ JFS 01385, if applicable, to the JFS 01673. ~~If the JFS 01673 was completed as a foster only application, the assessor shall attach the previous JFS 01673 and JFS 01673 A to the current JFS 01673, if applicable.~~
- (B) The PCSA, PCPA or PNA shall search the statewide automated child welfare information system (SACWIS) or the central registry of abuse and neglect if SACWIS is not fully implemented, in accordance with the procedures outlined in rule 5101:2-48-09 of the Administrative Code for each applicant, adult household member and any new adult household member.
- ~~(C) The applicant shall provide the PCSA, PCPA or PNA with documentation that the applicant and all adults residing in the applicant's home have been residents of the state of Ohio for the five year period immediately prior to the date on which a criminal records check is requested. This documentation may include tax records, school attendance records, bank records and rent or mortgage payment receipts.~~
- ~~(D)~~(C) If a PCSA, PCPA, PNA or attorney arranging an adoption initiates an adoptive homestudy with an applicant from another county, it shall notify the PCSA in the county ~~in which~~ the applicant resides in accordance with the procedures outlined in rule 5101:2-48-12 of the Administrative Code. This requirement does not apply to:
- (1) Step-parent adoptions.
  - (2) Adoptions where the PCSA in the county ~~in which~~ the adoptive applicant

resides ~~has~~ contracted with a PCPA or PNA to complete the adoptive applicant's homestudy.

~~(E)~~(D) The PCSA or PCPA shall follow procedures contained in rule 5101:2-48-12 of the Administrative Code for approval or denial of an applicant for adoptive placement.

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~~(G)~~(E) When a PCSA, PCPA, or PNA determines ~~that~~ any statement in a homestudy ~~has been~~is falsified, the PCSA or PCPA or PNA shall follow the procedures outlined in rule 5101:2-33-13 of the Administrative Code.

~~(H)~~(F) No PCSA, PCPA or PNA shall release a homestudy to any other agency or ~~to the~~ probate court ~~when it has been determined that~~if the application or homestudy ~~contains~~is determined to contain a false statement knowingly made by the applicant(s) ~~that is~~ included in the written report of the homestudy.

~~(I)~~(G) ~~Any case for which a~~ homestudy ~~has not been~~is not completed within one year of the application date it shall be terminated unless the agency makes the determination ~~that~~ the homestudy should not be terminated. The decision not to terminate shall be made at the agency's discretion. The PCSA, PCPA, or PNA shall notify the adoptive applicant in writing no less than thirty days prior to the termination. Written notification ~~shall include~~includes an explanation of the reason for termination and the procedures for requesting a review of the agency's decision.

~~(J)~~(H) Homestudies initiated prior to the effective date of this rule shall be in compliance with Administrative Code rules ~~which were~~ in effect prior to the effective date of this rule. These homestudies shall be updated in accordance with the update process outlined in rule ~~5101:2-48-12~~ 5101:2-48-12.1 of the Administrative Code.

~~(K)~~(I) Paragraph ~~(J)~~(H) of this rule does not apply to a homestudy ~~which has been~~ determined to have knowingly false statements. The adoption assessor shall follow procedures according to rule 5101:2-33-13 of the Administrative Code.

~~(L)~~ If a PCSA, PCPA, PNA or attorney arranging an adoption intends to place a child for adoption with an adoptive family from another county, it shall notify the PCSA in the county in which the applicant resides in accordance with the procedures outlined in rule 5101:2-48-12 of the Administrative Code. This requirement does not apply to:

(1) Step-parent adoptions.

(2) Adoptions where the PCSA in the county in which the adoptive family resides has contracted with a PCPA or PNA for placement and/or post placement

~~supervision services.~~

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