

5101:2-48-11

Approval of a foster home for adoptive placement.

(A) Except as outlined in paragraph (A) of rule 5101:2-48-11.1 of the Administrative Code, when a foster caregiver who has not been approved to be an adoptive parent through the joint homestudy process expresses an interest in being approved as an adoptive parent, the ~~agency~~ PCSA, PCPA or PNA shall:

- (1) Assist the foster caregiver in completing the JFS 01691, "~~ODJFS~~ Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Application for Child Placement";
- (2) Compile and review the following information to determine the appropriateness of the foster caregiver for adoptive placement:
 - (a) JFS 01653, "Medical Statement for Foster Care/Adoptive Applicant and All Household Members";
 - (b) JFS 01349, "Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Foster Home Homestudy" or the JFS 01673, "Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Assessment for Child Placement (Homestudy)" as applicable;
 - (c) All JFS 01385 forms, "Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Assessment for Child Placement Update", if applicable;
 - (d) Foster home record;
 - (e) BCII and/or FBI criminal record check; and
 - (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) Observe the interaction between the child, foster caregiver and other members of the household, if applicable;
 - (d) Discuss how the foster caregiver has been 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;

- (e) 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 paragraphs (A)(1),(A)(2) and (A)(3) of this rule, the assessor shall complete the portions of the JFS 01673, "ODJFS Assessment for Child Placement (Homestudy)" that were not previously completed on the JFS 01349 "ODJFS Foster Home Homestudy", and attach the JFS 01349 and/or most recent JFS 01385, "ODJFS Assessment for Child Placement Update, 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 to the current JFS 01673, if applicable.
- (B) 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.
- (C) Any applicant's case for which a homestudy has not been completed within one year of the application date 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 an explanation of the reason for termination and the procedures for requesting a review of the agency's decision.
- (D) 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 of the Administrative Code.

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