

5101:2-48-18

Postfinalization services.

(A) "Agency" means a public children services agency (PCSA), private child placing agency (PCPA) or private noncustodial agency (PNA) that places a child or assists in placing a child for adoption.

~~(A)(B) Each public children services agency (PCSA), private child placing agency (PCPA) and private noncustodial agency (PNA) agency shall have a written policy on the type and extent of postfinalization adoption services that will be provided by the agency.~~

(C) The agency shall make postfinalization adoption services available upon the request of the birth parent, the adoptive parent or the adoptee. The agency may provide these services either directly or by referral as described in paragraph (D) of this rule.

~~(B) Postfinalization adoption services shall be made available upon the request of the birth parent, the adoptive parent, or the adoptee and may be provided directly or by referral.~~

~~(D) If a PCSA, PCPA, or PNA~~ the agency does not provide direct postfinalization adoption services, the agency shall:

(1) Refer each person who requests postfinalization adoption services to an agency that provides such services;

(2) Upon written request of a parent, legal custodian, or guardian, provide consultation on adoption-related issues to nonagency professionals who are working with the family.

(3) Provide information regarding the procedures for releasing identifying information pursuant to ~~rules 5101:2-48-19 and rule~~ 5101:2-48-20 of the Administrative Code.

~~(E) If the PCSA which has been contacted by the adoptive parent or the adoptee determines that another agency made the adoptive placement, the PCSA may contact the placing agency and request assistance in providing postfinalization services. However, if another agency is to be contacted, the PCSA may not delay providing immediate assistance to the adoptive parent or adoptee. If the family indicates that they are not able to access services, the PCSA located in the county of the adoptee's or adoptive family's residence shall be the agency responsible for the provision of or referral to appropriate postfinalization services if such services are requested by the adoptee or adoptive parent. If an adoptive parent, adoptee or birth parent contacts an agency for postfinalization adoption services and the agency determines that another agency made the adoptive placement, the agency~~

may contact that agency for assistance in providing postfinalization services.

(F) If an adoptive parent, adoptee or birth parent is unable to access postfinalization adoption services, the PCSA located in the county of residence of the adoptive family, adoptee or birth parent, respectively, is the agency ultimately responsible for the provision of, or referral to, appropriate postfinalization services.

~~(G) If the PCSA which has been contacted by the birth parent determines that another agency made the adoptive placement, the PCSA may contact the placing agency and request assistance in providing postfinalization services. However, no delay in providing assistance to the birth parent or adoptee may occur. For purposes of this rule, the PCSA located in the county of the birth parent shall be the agency responsible for the provision of or referral to appropriate postfinalization services if such services are requested by the birth parent.~~

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