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## POLICY 1105 – Adoption Placement Supervision

### A. POLICY

Adoptive families have better outcomes with supportive services.

### B. PROCEDURES

1. Once a child joins a family for adoption, the child and family are supervised for six months by the Division of Family Services (DFS) or a licensed child-placing agency prior to filing the adoption petition.
2. Supervision activities will be conducted monthly; contacts include monthly face to face contacts in the child’s home.
3. The adoptive placements to be monitored include relative, kin, DFS approved foster home, and approved family through a private, licensed child-placing agency.
4. Adoptive placements will not be denied or delayed based on race, color, national origin or out-of-state jurisdictions.
5. The caseworker or private agency caseworker shall comply with the Delacare Regulations which include the following:
  - a. The supervising agency shall assign a caseworker to the adoptive family for providing direct services during the period of supervision.
  - b. The supervising caseworker shall assist the adoptive parents to integrate the child into the family.
  - c. The supervising caseworker shall assist the family and child with any problems relating to the adoption. This may include services provided by the agency or referral/application to other services.
  - d. Regular monthly visits will be conducted in the family home. The contacts will be confidential. The supervising caseworker will assess child safety at each contact.
6. The caseworker shall comply with Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) procedures for cases in which ICPC applies, the Safe and Timely Interstate Placement Act, the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, the Multi-Ethnic Placement Act and the Indian Child Welfare Act.
7. The supervising caseworker shall monitor the progress of the case towards finalization and see that the private agency caseworker secures the needed resources if the adoptive family is from a private agency.
8. The supervising caseworker shall assist the family in applying for Temporary Aid for Needy Families or General Assistance, as needed.

9. The supervising caseworker will submit the application for Adoption Assistance/Subsidy for any child who may have special needs within 3 months of receipt of a new adoption case.
10. The supervising caseworker will complete and submit the reports required by the 6-month post TPR reports and 12-month permanency hearings.
11. The supervising caseworker shall maintain the case should the placement disrupt prior to the finalization of adoption and provided needed services to the child.
12. Adoption supervision is not required in the following circumstances:
  - a. A child sought to be adopted by a stepparent;
  - b. A child sought to be adopted by a blood relative as a blood relative is a legal petitioner. DFS may rescind custody to the relative unless DFS holds parental rights then supervision will occur until finalization.
  - c. A child sought to be adopted by a guardian or permanent guardian so long as guardianship or permanent guardianship has been granted for at least 6 months prior to filing the adoption petition.

**C. FOCUS**

No FOCUS functionality

**D. FORMS**

None