

Adoption Planning for Children With Needs

The Child Protection Worker must identify and assess a child or youth under a Permanent Custody status for their need for financial support and eligibility for Subsidized Departmental Adoption Assistance.

REFERENCE

Adoption Act, section 17(1)

PURPOSE

- To document and support a recommendation for Subsidized Departmental Adoption Assistance based on the child or youth's needs.
- To assist in the selection of an adoptive family by providing information on the child or youth's needs and available supports.

PROCEDURES

1. Complete the *Needs Assessment for a Child or Youth in Care Checklist form*.
2. Complete the *Rationale for Subsidy Based on the Child's Needs form* and provide an explanation of the child or youth's needs, a description of the services or supports required to meet the child or youth's needs and comment on any future risks that may require consideration of Subsidized Departmental Adoption Assistance in the future.
3. Forward the completed *Rationale for Subsidy Based on Needs form* to the Supervisor for review and signature.
4. Place a copy of the Checklist and Rationale on the child or youth's file, include these forms in the child adoption placement package and forward the package to the Adoptions Practice Specialist/Registrar at the Department of Health and Social Services.

FORMS

- Needs Assessment for a Child or Youth in Care Checklist
- Rationale for Subsidy Based on Needs

TOOLS

- Needs Assessment for a Child or Youth in Care Guidelines
- Needs Assessment for a Child or Youth in Care Scoring Chart
- Needs Assessment Related Terms