

Custom Adoption for a Child or Youth in the Care of the Director

The Child Protection Worker will assess on an ongoing basis if custom adoption is in the best interests of the child or youth who is in the care of the Director.

REFERENCE

Department of Health and Social Services Policy

PURPOSE

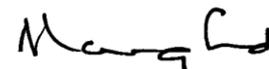
- To determine early whether custom adoption is a viable option for the child or youth as an alternative permanency plan.
- To avoid unnecessary delays in achieving permanency should the permanency plan that is in place (typically reunification) not be successful.

PROCEDURES

1. If the potential custom adoptive home appears to be an appropriate placement for the child or youth, the Child Protection Worker will carry out an *Extended Family/Provisional Foster Home Study Profile* including a *Child Protection Record Check*, a *Consent for Disclosure of Criminal Record Information*, and *Consent for Release/Receipt of Information*.
2. Upon obtaining the signed *Consent for Release/Receipt of Information* form, contact the Custom Adoption Commissioner to inform them of the potential custom adoption of a child in the care of the Director.
3. In consultation with the Supervisor decide when to arrange the following to facilitate the adoption:
 - Amend, extend or terminate the Child Protection Order or Agreement;
 - Designate the potential custom adoptive home as an extended family and/or provisional foster home until the custom adoption certificate has been granted.
 - Contact the Departmental Adoption Specialist to verify the date the Custom Adoption certificate was filed.
 - Consult the Adoption Commissioner as appropriate.
4. Document all related actions and decisions using a Case Notes form and place it on the child or youth's file.

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FORMS

- Extended Family and Provisional Foster Home Study
- Child Protection Record Check
- Consent for Disclosure of Criminal Record Information
- Consent for Release and/or Receipt of Information
- Case Note

TOOLS

- None

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