

Departmental Adoption as an Alternative Permanency Plan

The Child Protection Worker will consider on an ongoing basis whether departmental adoption is a viable option for the child/youth as an alternative permanency plan.

REFERENCE

Department of Health and Social Services Policy

PURPOSE

- To assess on an ongoing basis whether departmental adoption is a viable option for the child/youth as an alternative permanency plan in order to avoid unnecessary delays in achieving permanency should the permanency plan that is in place (typically reunification) not be successful.

PROCEDURES

1. Consult with the Supervisor to discuss the potential of departmental adoption as an alternative permanency plan for the child/youth.
2. Document the decision and rationale using a Case Note form indicating why departmental adoption is or is not in the best interests of the child/youth as an alternative permanency plan.
3. If departmental adoption is the alternative permanency plan for a child/youth already in the permanent custody of the Director, refer to Section 9 Permanency Planning – Children in Permanent Custody.
4. For children/youth that are not already in the permanent custody of the Director, begin gathering as much information as possible in a case note format. Note: This should not be seen as a fast track to adoption, but rather to permanency.

FORMS

- Case Note

TOOLS

- None