

Monitoring the Adoption Probation Period

The Child Protection Worker must provide ongoing supervision with the child or youth and adoptive family as outlined in the Minimum Contact Guidelines for Adoption Probation Period tool.

REFERENCE

Department of Health and Social Services Policy

PURPOSE

- To assess the child or youth’s attachment to the adoptive family.
- To ensure the child or youth is settling down into his or her new environment.
- To ensure the child or youth’s needs are being met.
- To address any concerns or issues about the adoptive placement.

PROCEDURES

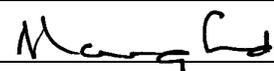
1. Speak with the child or youth to assess their well-being and level of attachment to the adoptive family.
2. Observe the child or youth’s interaction with the adoptive family.
3. Assess whether the contact as outlined in the *Minimum Contact Guidelines for Adoption Probation Period tool* are meeting the needs of the child or youth and adoptive family.
4. Document the contact using the *Case Note form*.

Note:

- Where the child or youth is placed outside of his or her home community for adoption, the Child Protection Worker must liaise with the Adoption Worker supervising the placement. The collaborative relationship between the Child Protection Worker and the Adoption Worker ensures all required supports and services are provided to the child or youth and adoptive family during the adoption probation period.

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- Consult with the child or youth if they are verbal, the adoptive parent(s) as appropriate, to determine if they require more frequent face-to-face or telephone contact.
- The individual needs of the child or youth and the adoptive family will dictate the frequency and nature of the contacts beyond the minimum guidelines.

FORMS

- Child Assessment for Adoption Placement Update

TOOLS

- Minimum Contact Guidelines for Adoption Probation Period