

Providing Information and Support Services to Birth Parents Before Consent

The Child Protection Worker must fully inform the birth parent(s) of their rights, options, and available services, before they consent to place their child in Permanent Custody for the purpose of adoption.

REFERENCE

NWT Child and Family Services Act, section 40(a)(b)(c)
Adoption Act, section 4

PURPOSE

- To ensure that the birth parent(s) consent is voluntary, informed and given without pressure.
- To ensure that information and support are provided to birth parent(s) who are considering placing their child in Permanent Custody for adoption.

PROCEDURES

1. Provide written information to the birth parent(s) regarding services available through Child and Family Services or other community agencies if the child remains with the parent(s) (e.g., counselling, parenting information, income support, housing options).
2. Explain the effects of a Permanent Custody Order including when consent for adoption may be given or revoked and the parents' right to obtain legal counsel prior to giving consent.
3. Complete the *Permanent Custody for Adoption Checklist form* indicating all information that was shared with the birth parent(s).

FORMS

- Permanent Custody for Adoption Checklist

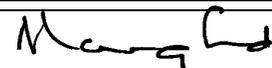
TOOLS

- Adoption Information for Birth Parents

COURT DOCUMENTS

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