

Foster to Adopt Notification

SUMMIT COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

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POLICY:

Summit County Children Services (SCCS) will notify foster and kinship caregivers when the agency seeks permanent custody of the foster child residing in their home or the foster child become available for adoption.

PROCEDURE:

Foster and kinship caregivers are invited to court hearings and semi-annual reviews to participate in the case planning progress and status of the foster child(ren) residing in the home. SCCS will notify the foster and/or kinship caregiver if the child placed in their home becomes available for adoption. Caregivers must have or obtain an approved adoptive home study to adopt.

The caregiver must meet all adoptive parent eligibility requirements which are consistent with meeting the individual needs of the child. If a child has been in a licensed foster home six (6) or more consecutive months, SCCS may complete a shortened home study process for child specific adoption approval. SCCS will notify the recommending agency when the custodial agency is different than the recommending agency and the notification will be consistent with the requirements contained in section 5103.161 of the Revised Code.

In selecting an adoptive placement for a child, the agency shall only place a child into an adoptive home which meets the child's best interest and special needs based on but not limited to the information contained in the child study inventory, the social/medical history, the child's case plan and adoptive family home study. SCCS reserves the right within statutory limits to make placement changes.