

Geographic Region Served

SUMMIT COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

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All Staff Bargaining Unit Non-Bargaining Management

POLICY:

Summit County Children Services (SCCS) completes foster and adoptive home studies for prospective applicants in Summit County and adjoining counties.

PROCEDURE:

SCCS provides foster and adoptive home studies, to prospective applicants who live in Summit County or in counties adjoining Summit. The Department Director Placement and Permanency Planning may approve exceptions to the identified geographic limitations for home studies.

SCCS considers approved adoptive families from out of county and out of state for available children in permanent custody. SCCS only accepts home studies from licensed or otherwise legally credentialed adoption agencies. Services provided to children placed with other Public Children Services Agencies (PCSAs) or private adoption agencies are defined in an agreement or contract for services to assure a full range of services to children in the custody of SCCS.

SCCS may complete child-specific home studies for other PCSAs for consideration of child specific placement. SCCS advises PCSAs located in Ohio to put a request for a home study in writing. PCSAs located in other states are required to submit a request for the home study through Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC). PCSAs located in states not participating in ICPC must submit requests for child-specific home studies in writing to the SCCS Executive Director for approval.

Adoptive families are notified of their right to request a state hearing if they believe they have been denied placement based on geographic location.