

**9560.0060 CHILD PLACEMENT.**

Subpart 1. **In general.** The policies in subparts 2 and 3 govern the local social service agency's preplacement and postplacement activities.

Subp. 2. **Preplacement activities.** Preplacement activities must include those in items A to E.

A. The adoptive family's agency shall, prior to the child being placed in an adoptive home, meet with the child's agency in a preplacement conference, obtain written background and health history on the child, and visit the child in the foster home. The preplacement conference may only be waived if the child is under six months of age and is without special needs.

B. The child's agency shall prepare the child for adoptive placement and provide the adoptive parents with a written nonidentifying background and health history of the child in which all identifying information on the child's relatives has been omitted. The history is to be written in a manner which is understandable and meaningful to the adoptive family.

C. An adoptive family shall spend at least two days in the child's community becoming acquainted with the child prior to the transfer of physical custody from the agency to them. This provision may be waived, in the discretion of the agency, where extraordinary circumstances dictate prompt placement.

D. The adoptive parents shall enter into a written adoptive placement agreement with the commissioner.

E. During the time the child resides in the adoptive home, the local social service agency shall continue administrative reviews but is not required to schedule a court dispositional hearing unless the child is either removed from the home or is not legally adopted within two years of the date of placement.

Subp. 3. **Postplacement activities.** Postplacement activities must include items A and B.

A. The agency placing the child shall arrange for and obtain written placement and postplacement reports from the agency supervising the child in the adoptive home.

B. The supervising agency shall provide postplacement counseling with the adoptive parents in a manner that enables the child and adoptive family to become an integrated family.

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