

Public/Private Adoption Initiative (PPAI)

The Minnesota Department of Human Services' Child Safety and Permanency Division (department) has entered into contracts with five private child placing agencies to provide adoption and adoption-related services to children under state guardianship or tribal jurisdiction, beginning July 1, 2014.

The Fact Sheet regarding this program, available on the DHS website as well as MN ADOPT's website, has not yet been updated. I will send a link to the updated fact sheet as soon as it is available.

Services provided by the grantees will include:

Training, Home Study and Placement Services for Children under State or Tribal Guardianship:

Contracted agencies focus on recruiting, training and assessing families interested in adopting. County and tribal agency staff may contact any of the contracted agencies to request information about waiting adoptive families who may be a resource for a specific waiting child. If an adoptive placement is made, contracted agencies will provide placement services to a family until three months after the adoption finalizes.

Concurrent Permanency Planning Services: Most of the contracted agencies can now provide training to families who are interested in actively supporting children and their parents' efforts to reunify. Licensed families who received the agency's concurrent permanency planning resource training are available to serve as concurrent resources for children and youth. Contracted agencies provide placement support services to a family until reunification, or until three months after adoption finalization.

Child-specific Recruitment: Most of the contracted agencies are available to assist county and tribal workers in efforts to locate a permanent family for children age 6 or older, or sibling groups, when routine recruitment activities have not been successful. Child-specific recruitment involves intensive efforts to identify an adoptive family. The recruiter develops a plan in partnership with the county or tribal agency, tailored to the needs of an individual child, which identifies specific tasks to be completed. These tasks can include, but are not limited to, an in-depth review of a child's file, creation of recruitment materials, engagement with a child, including life book work, relative or kin search, targeted recruitment in identified communities, and reestablishing connections with important adults, among others.

Services to Relatives: Contracted agencies are available to assist with home study services for identified relatives. In the event that a child is placed in a relative's home, contracted agencies are able to provide placement services until reunification (if the agency is contracted to provide concurrent permanency planning services), or until three months following adoption finalization.

Post-adoption Services: Agencies are also contracted to provide time-limited face-to-face services to families, post-adoption. These services are designed to alleviate crisis, stabilize a child and family, and equip families with tools to prevent further crisis.

Agencies

The department contracts with five agencies. Not all contracted agencies provide every service as part of its contract with the department.

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Ampersand Families

1700 Second St. N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55413
612-605-1904

www.ampersandfamilies.org

Contracted services: Training, home study, placement, concurrent permanency planning services, child-specific recruitment, post-adoption services.

Children's Home Society of Minnesota

1605 Eustis St.
St. Paul, MN 55108-1798
651-646-6393, or toll-free 800-952-9302

www.chsfs.org

(*Operating in partnership with Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota)

Contracted services: Training, home study, placement, concurrent permanency planning services, child-specific recruitment, post-adoption services.

Kindred Family Focus

9766 Fallon Ave. N.E., Suite 104
Monticello, MN 55362
320-529-0862, or 763-271-1670

www.nexustreatment.org/treatmentsites/kindred

Contracted services: Training, home study, placement, child-specific recruitment, post-adoption services.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota

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North Homes Inc.

1880 River Rd.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-327-3055, or toll-free 800-430-3055

www.northhomesinc.org

Contracted services: Training, home study, placement, concurrent permanency planning services, child-specific recruitment, post-adoption services.