

Adoption Committees

Background Notes

Although the majority of children who become involved with the Child Welfare System return home, there are some children who need a permanent family other than their biological parents. Some of those permanent families are established through adoption. Oregon has a very low disruption rate and historically the decision to place a child with an adoptive family has been through a committee decision. There are several policies pertaining to selection of adoptive families for children. Not all adoptive placements in Oregon are made through a committee process. Committees are available in any situation when a caseworker, in consultation with their supervisor, requests that assistance. Committees are required to make an adoptive plan in certain circumstances. It is important for the child's worker to understand the different committees and policies in order to avoid delaying permanency for the child.

Tasks / Assignments:

- Read Adoption Placement Selection policy [I-G 1.5](#).
- Learn about the decisions that a permanency committee makes prior to a case being considered at an adoption committee I-E.3.6
- Read the Identification and Consideration of Potential Adoptive Resources policy I-G.1.2
- Read the Foster Parent Request for Consideration as a Current Caretaker policy, [I-G 1.1](#)
- Attend a Permanency Committee.

Discoveries:

- *Why are certain committees required for different of situations?*
- *How well was the child's worker prepared for each committee?*
- *What struggles did the permanency committee have regarding selecting a permanency plan for the child?*

