

## PRELIMINARY PLACEMENT APPROVAL - ADOPTION July 1, 2008

- \_\_\_\_\_ If out-of-state placement
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Affidavit of compliance with the Interstate Compact on Placement, Fl. Admin. Code 65C-15.037 or the order approving states that placement will be upon approval by the ICPC of Florida and the receiving state
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Out-of-state placement can only be made by an adoption entity if: **63.207(1)**.
    - \_\_\_\_\_ 1. parent placing minor for adoption filed affidavit giving reason for choosing to place minor out-of-state
    - \_\_\_\_\_ 2. minor is placed with relative or stepparent
    - \_\_\_\_\_ 3. minor is special needs child as defined in **409.166(2)**:
      - \_\_\_\_\_ permanent custody has been awarded to the department or to a licensed child-placing agency AND
      - \_\_\_\_\_ child has established significant emotional ties with his or her foster parents; or is not likely to be adopted because he or she is 8 years of age or older, mentally retarded, physically or emotionally handicapped, of black or racially mixed parentage, or a member of a sibling group of any age, provided two or more members of a sibling group remain together for purposes of adoption.
    - \_\_\_\_\_ 4. other good cause is shown why placement should be made.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ A petition for declaratory statement must be filed and converted to a petition for adoption upon placement of the child in the home. **63.207(1)(b)**.

\_\_\_\_\_ Must have signature of adoptive parents they acknowledge that this is an AT-RISK placement if parental rights have not yet been terminated. **63.092(2)**.

- \_\_\_\_\_ If not placement in: foster home, adult, stepparent, relative, or parent of child;
  - \_\_\_\_\_ adoption entity must report intended placement of child to court within 48 hours after placement. **63.092(1)**.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a preliminary home study must be completed prior to placement of the minor in the home. **63.092(3)**.

### Preliminary Home Study Requirements 63.092(3):

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 year - still valid
- \_\_\_\_\_ licensed child-placing agency, child-caring agency under 409.176, a licensed professional, or an agency described in 61.20(2)
- \_\_\_\_\_ interview with adoptive parents
- \_\_\_\_\_ records check:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ central abuse registry - department
  - \_\_\_\_\_ criminal records correspondence checks - FDLE
- \_\_\_\_\_ home environment
- \_\_\_\_\_ adoptive parents financial security
- \_\_\_\_\_ counseling/education on adoptive parenting
- \_\_\_\_\_ information provided on adoption

\_\_\_\_ information provided on support services  
\_\_\_\_ acknowledgment of receipt of ADOPTION DISCLOSURE as required under 63.085(1) & (2) by:

\_\_\_\_ person seeking to place child for adoption with adoption entity  
\_\_\_\_ person seeking to adopt child with adoption entity

OR

\_\_\_\_ affidavit by adoption entity why can't obtain acknowledgment

OR

\_\_\_\_ Not required since Chapter 39 TPR

Adoptive parents legal guardianship cannot be established until consent to adoption signed and court orders preliminary approval of placement of minor in prospective adoptive home. **63.052(2)**.