

Adoption

ORS 419B.529

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1. Court and Citizen Review Board reviews

After a child's permanency plan has been changed to adoption at a permanency hearing under ORS 419B.476, the court and the Citizen Review Board continue to review DHS efforts to place the child for adoption and complete the adoption process. If the child is legally free and has not been placed, a court review is required every six months. See ORS 419B.440(1) and 419B.470(4). DHS has agreed to submit an adoption tracking page to the court and Citizen Review Board that provides an itemization of the steps the agency has taken to complete the adoption, as well as the steps that remain uncompleted.

2. Completing the adoption after the child is legally free

After parental rights are terminated or relinquished, the juvenile code allows the court to complete the adoption according to the requirements in ORS 419B.529.

3. Assessing DHS efforts to complete the adoption

The court and Citizen Review Board should insist on submission of the adoption tracking page to assist the court and CRB in assessing what steps have been completed and what remains to be done. The steps DHS must take to free the child and complete the adoption are outlined on the next page.

Adoption Process Flowchart

Freeing Process

Critical Elements Addressed

- *All legal parties identified
- *ICWA Inquiry
- *Relative Search/Engagement
- *Absent Parent Search
- *Birth Certificate

Staffing:
With worker, supervisor, LAS and AAG/DDA for adoption approval

Relinquishment | TPR

*Adoption Referral Packet to C.O.
*OR-Kids Adoption Referral opened

Release/Surrender documents issued by C.O.

Release/Surrender documents signed by parent(s)

*To AAG/DDA: digital copy of file and witness list;
*To C.O: Adopt. Ref. packet
*OR-Kids Adoption Referral opened

TPR Petition filed

TPR trial scheduled/held

Appeal process if applicable

Affidavits completed (if applicable)

Placing Process

Permanency Committee (if applicable)

- Sibling Planning

Permanency Staffing (if applicable)

- *Relative Caregiver
- *Current Caretaker

Identify/Study Prospective Adoptive Families:

- *Relatives
- *Current Caretaker
- *Adoption Recruitment

ICPC Adoption Study and Approvals (if applicable)

Adoption Selection Process

USE APPLICABLE OPTION FROM FOLLOWING:

- *Caseworker Adoption Selection after input from child's team and consultation with supervisor
- *Local Adoption Committee-Adoption Decision Specialist
- *Central Adoption Committee-Adoption Decision Specialist

Full disclosure of information to adoptive parent

Transition, Placement, Supervision, Support

Placement Designation after all documents to C.O.

Mediation (when possible)

Finalization Process

Adoption Assistance Application, Negotiations, Agreements

Additional materials needed prior to adoption consent submitted to C.O. (notice of adoption registry, medical records, recommendation to finalize, etc.)

Legal Adoption Finalization

Consent for Adoption Materials prepared by C.O. and sent to attorney

Petition or Motion for Adoption and Exhibits filed by attorney

Adoption Finalization and Judgment signed