

65C-16.004 Recruitment, Screening and Application Process/Adoptive Applicants.

(1) through (2) No change.

(3) The recruitment activities shall reflect the ethnic and racial diversity of children needing a pre-adoptive adoptive placement pursuant to the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. 1901, et seq., and Multi-Ethnic Placement Act, 42 U.S.C.A. §1996.

(4) through (7) No change.

(8) Persons who are an active duty member of a uniformed services branch will receive credit for approved adoptive parent training courses completed in another state which align with requirements outlined in Section 409.175(14), F.S. Once the prospective adoptive parents complete the approved adoptive parent training program, the Department will complete home studies in the following priority order:

(9) Once the prospective adoptive parents complete the approved adoptive parent training program, the Department will complete home studies in the following priority order:

(a) Persons with an existing relationship with a specifically identified difficult-to-place child who is waiting for pre-adoptive adoption placement, or that child's sibling.

(b) through (c) No change.

~~(10)~~⁽⁹⁾ Any prospective adoptive parent, who has completed the approved adoptive parent training program, and does not fall into the categories under paragraphs (9)(a)-(c) ~~(8)(a)-(e)~~, may be referred to the Adoption Information Center. Pursuant to Section 63.092(3), F.S., the Department is required to perform the preliminary home study only if there is no licensed child-placing agency, child-caring agency registered under Section 409.176, F.S., licensed professional, or agency described in Section 61.20(2), F.S., in the county where the prospective adoptive parent resides.

~~(11)~~⁽¹⁰⁾ The adoption case manager shall ensure the initiation and completion dates of the adoption home study are documented on the demographic tab of the unified study in the child welfare information system.

(a) The date the adoption home study was initiated shall be documented once all of the following have occurred:

1. The prospective adoptive parent(s) is applying for a specific child ~~who has been permanently committed to the Department.~~

2. through 4. No change.

(b) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121, 39.0137, 63.233, 409.175(5)(a), 409.988(2)(e) FS. Law Implemented 39.0137, 39.811(8)-(9), 39.812(1), (4)-(5), 63.092, 409.175(5)(a), 409.175(14), 409.167, 409.986(2), 409.988(2) FS. History—New 7-18-95, Formerly 10M-8.0042, Amended 8-19-03, 11-30-08, 7-7-16, 8-15-21, 7-20-23. Amended _____.