

ADOPTIONS
Permanency Placement Services Program (PPSP)

Description of Services: Post-Finalization/Post Adoption Services

48-22-4.7

Description and Purpose

Post-Finalization/Post Adoptive services are supportive services available to the adoptive family following the legal finalization of the adoption. The services are available to the family until the child reaches the age of 18. The purpose of these services is to assist the family with resolving or addressing issues experienced in adopting a child from the Connecticut Department of Children and Families.

Use for Old or New Issues

The family may need or wish these support services for previously identified issues or because new issues have surfaced after finalization of the adoption.

Who Receives Services

Post-finalization/post adoption services may be used for any child, who is or was, under the care of the Commissioner, including any child who was placed in adoption by

- a Department worker;
 - a private agency provider through the PPSP.
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Initiation of a Service Agreement

The service agreement for this category may be designed:

- prior to the legal finalization of the adoption;
 - after the court process finalizing the adoption.
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Initiating a Service Agreement after Finalization

If a service agreement for post-finalization/post adoption services was not signed prior to the finalization of an adoption and the adoptive family expresses a need for support services, DCF staff will direct that family to the Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) located at the UConn Health Center (UCHC), 263 Farmington Ave, Dowling North Farmington, CT. 06013, Tel. 860-679-1961. See AAP website at <http://aap.uchc.edu> for more details about this post-adoption program.

AAP will determine whether developing a service agreement with a private agency for post-finalization services is appropriate and, if so, may use the private agency that provided services to the family prior to finalization or any agency under contract for the PPSP.

Referral to Other Services

If PPSP post finalization/ post-adoption services are determined to be insufficient to address problems particular to the child(ren), the adoptive family that is requesting, or already receiving, PPSP services will be assisted in the referral process to access all other services available to them through DCF and/or the Adoption Assistance Program.
