
Exceptions

If a child cannot be placed in accordance with the Principles of Foster Care Matching (see policy 41-19-2) , the worker shall document in the child's uniform case record the reasons for failing to place the child pursuant to the principles, as noted on the form completed by the matcher

Note: This documentation shall specify each effort that was made to place the child in accordance with the principles and the outcome of each effort.

If a child's initial placement does not conform to the principles of foster care matching, the worker and the matcher shall jointly develop a written plan within twenty (20) days to move the child into a conforming setting.

If the child cannot be moved within this time frame, or it is felt that the current placement best meets the child's needs, the worker shall document this in the child's uniform case record.

Note: A written plan is not mandatory in emergency placement situations where the initial placement does not conform to the principles, but the child is replaced within ten (10) working days. The emergency nature of the placement shall be documented in the case record as the reason for the exception.

Efforts to Find a Suitable Home

Intensive efforts to locate a suitable placement shall be carried out if a child must be placed in a home where the foster/adoptive parent has not demonstrated a satisfactory ability to meet the specific needs of the child; e.g., adequate bilingual parenting, or providing for the child's medical/mental health needs.

The child's worker shall document efforts to identify a home which can fully meet the child's needs in the child's case record.

The placement of the child must be re-evaluated every ten (10) days.

The efforts to locate a suitable home shall continue until

- the child is appropriately placed, or
 - the deficiency in meeting the child's needs in the current placement is corrected.
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