

INSTRUCTIONS
LEGAL RISK ADOPTION PLACEMENT AGREEMENT
CFS-420

Definition

Is the placement of a child, who is not legally free for adoption, with an approved adoptive applicant? This placement may be considered for a newborn that is being relinquished for adoption or for a child whose birth/legal parent has filed an appeal to the termination of parental rights. The prospective adoptive parent must be educated about the risks and challenges inherent in such a placement and they must sign a form prior to placement of the child.

Purpose

To have the prospective adoptive parent(s) acknowledge that they have been told and understand that the children being adopted are not yet legally free for adoption. They also understand that the placement might terminate and the child(ren) be returned to the legal custodian (DHS).

Completion

Insert the name(s) and birthdate(s) of the child(ren) being placed for adoption. Insert the name(s) of the DCFS representative(s) who explained the nature of the legal risk in the adoptive placement. The adoptive parent(s) must print and sign their name(s). The Notary must have observed the adoptive parent(s) signature(s) and must notarize the form in the place provided.

Routing

The original should be given to the Adoption Specialist. One copy should go to the adoptive parent(s).