#### NOAS

**PreService:** 

Permanency

# Learner Guide

#### **Overview**

This course explains the importance of permanency and reviews permanency options for children in care, including reunification and adoption

## Learning Objectives

- ↓ Identify legal permanency options for the child
- Describe the caregiver's role in supporting permanency goals

#### **Permanency Options**

**4** Legal permanency:

**4** Relational permanency:

4	Permanency: Life of a Case Notes:
4	The most common permanency goal is
4	For the following reasons:
	1. Improved Outcomes
	2. Positive Impact on Parents
	3. Better Development
	4. Less Stress for Children
	5. Ties to Extended Family
4	It is the expectation of the agency that you will actively support the
	reunification goal even if you are fostering in the hopes of expanding your
	family through adoption.
4	As you decide if fostering is right for you and your family, you should
	consider whether you can manage the complex feelings that can come with
	supporting reunification.
4	Will you be able to do what is best for the child, even when it doesn't feel
	like it is in your best interest?

### <u>PPLA</u>

- In a Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (PPLA), the agency maintains custody of the youth without terminating parental rights for youths 16 years of age and older.
- The youth is not connected to a permanent family.

### Legal Custody

- When a family takes legal custody of the child, it is permanent unless there is a change in the parents' and the child's circumstances.
- Through legal custody, the child has both stability and connection to their family, culture, and history which can help form a positive identity.

#### Adoption

Watch the Adoption segment of Life of a Case, complete the fill-in-the blank sentences below.

 Special caseworkers called \_\_\_\_\_\_ complete a matching and selection process that demonstrates a \_\_\_\_\_\_ process.

Order of consideration:

- For children recognized as members of a tribe, \_\_\_\_\_ guidelines take precedence.
- Families who will \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- Any \_\_\_\_\_, or the child's current caregiver
- A \_\_\_\_\_\_ with whom the child has resided in the past
- Any other approved adoptive family.

- Families will receive an \_\_\_\_\_\_ application to sign. It will be placed in their file.
- The assessor will hold a face-to-face visit with the family and child with in the first \_\_\_\_\_\_, again at, and \_\_\_\_\_\_ thereafter until the adoption is finalized in no less than \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- The \_\_\_\_\_\_ is issued in probate court.
- Adoption's purpose is to find a permanent home for a child; the focus is on the child's needs and best interests.
- If you adopt, the child will be a permanent full and legal member of your family with the same rights as a child born to you.

#### Post-Finalization Adoption Support

- OhioKan offers support and services to families who adopt or take custody of a child.
- If you adopt, you may be eligible to receive monetary support through one or more adoption subsidy programs:
  - Title IV-E Adoption Assistance
  - Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Connections (AAC)
  - Nonrecurring Adoption Expenses Subsidy
  - State Adoption Subsidy programs
  - Post-Adoption Special Services Subsidy (PASSS) funds

## Preparing the Child for Permanency

There are three ways you can help prepare the child in your home for permanency.

- 1. Learn how to talk to children about permanency.
- 2. Make permanency an ongoing conversation.
- 3. Connect the child to supportive services.





### **Resources**

How to Talk About Permanence: <a href="https://www.ccfhnc.org/resources/explaining-permanence/">https://www.ccfhnc.org/resources/explaining-permanence/</a>

Keeping the Family Conversation Alive: https://assets.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/aecf-

brainframes-permanence-2017.pdf

NACAC adoption tax credit information: <u>https://nacac.org/help/adoption-tax credit/</u>

OhioKAN: <a href="https://ohiokan.jfs.ohio.gov/">https://ohiokan.jfs.ohio.gov/</a>

Unpacking the No: Helping Young People Explore the Idea of Adoption:

https://nacac.org/resource/unpacking-the-no-helping-young-people-explore the-idea-of-

adoption/

ODJFS Programs Supporting Kinship Caregivers <u>https://jfs.ohio.gov/ocf/PUB-JFS08072-</u>

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