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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: |
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| 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 |
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| 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: https://www.ccfhnc.org/resources/explaining-permanence/

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: https://ohiokan.jfs.ohio.gov/

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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