

6.5 Legal Risk Adoptive Placement Request

In accordance with the Legal Risk Adoptive Placement Policy, there are special circumstances in which a child may be in need of a permanent placement, but the child is not legally free for adoption, yet a determination has been made that the child is in need of the stability and commitment that a "legal risk" adoptive family can provide.

Request is made for approval for the Legal Risk Placement of _____
DOB _____ who is a child for whom adoption is in the best interest and meets at least one of the following criteria:

Please check the appropriate box.

____ The child is the subject of a Termination of Parental Rights Order that is under appeal, and would create delay in achieving permanency for the child.

____ The child is the subject of a court order that relieved the Department of the obligation to commence reunification based on the existence of an aggravating factor.

____ A Cease Reunification Order has been granted with birth family reunification completed and unsuccessful.

____ Birth family abandonment of a child.

____ A Termination of Parental Rights is complete on one parent and there are protracted efforts occurring to serve the absent parent.

The caseworker and supervisor, in review of child's name circumstances and conditions have made a preliminary determination that the child's name is in need of a legal risk adoptive placement to provide security, stability, and family commitment.

The attached summary identifies this child's current circumstances and conditions including:

1. Child's legal status
2. Child's age and current living arrangement
3. Current level of birth family involvement
4. Identification of child's special needs.
5. Statement that identifies how legal risk placement meets the best interest of the child.

Request for approval of child's name as meeting the requirements for a Legal Risk Placement is made to the Child Welfare Program Administrator and the Adoption Program Manager for efforts to begin in the selection and matching process of the most appropriate family for Legal Risk Placement.

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family unit, determining the child's need and family's ongoing needs in relation to the child and assessing the continued appropriateness of the placement. The Legal Risk Adoptive Parent(s) agree to work cooperatively with the Agency caseworker toward this end and to utilize supporting services as necessary, e.g., counseling, support groups, etc.

9. The Agency, as legal guardian, reserves the right to move the child from the Legal Risk Adoptive Parent(s) home at any time, if, in the judgment of the Agency, such removal is in the best interests of the child.

Agency Caseworker

Date

Agency Supervisor

Date

Legal Risk Adoptive Parent

Date

Legal Risk Adoptive Parent

Date