



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

Adoption and Concurrent Permanency Planning: Working together to help families

The Minnesota Department of Human Services contracts with private child-placing agencies to provide adoption and adoption-related services to children under state guardianship or tribal jurisdiction. Five private agencies work closely with county and tribal social service agencies to place children with adoptive families or concurrent foster families. These partnerships maximize strengths and resources of private agencies and county and tribal social service agencies to ensure that children are placed in permanent homes, and that they and their families receive the support they need.

Adoption services

While children under state guardianship range from newborn to age 18, many are older than age 6, are members of sibling groups and have significant special needs. Currently, of the 513 Minnesota children who need adoptive homes immediately:

- 67 percent are between 6 and 18 years old.
- 57 percent are children of color.
- 61 percent are siblings who need to be adopted together.

Private agencies under contract with the state provide adoption services to children under state guardianship and the families who hope to adopt them by:

- Recruiting families to explore the possibility of adopting children under state guardianship
- Training and educating prospective adoptive parents about adoption
- Completing and updating adoption home studies
- Placing children in adoptive homes, and providing supports and services to both children and families throughout the adoption process
- Providing short-term, post-adoption case management services for adoptive families facing difficulties
- Providing intensive child-specific recruitment activities for children who are difficult to place for adoption.

Concurrent Permanency Planning Services

Private agencies under contract with the state provide services to children in foster care and the families who care for them by:

- Training and educating prospective parents about concurrent permanency planning, reunification and adoption
- Placing children in concurrent foster homes, and providing supports and services to both children and families throughout the placement
- Assisting families throughout the adoption process in the event that children are not reunified with their birth parents.

Needs for families

The greatest need is for families who are committed to opening their homes to help school-aged children and adolescents, children of color, children with special needs, and sibling groups find permanent, stable homes.

Private agency services

Prospective parents may obtain services from the following agencies that contract with the department:

- Ampersand Families
1700 Second St. N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55413
612-605-1904
www.ampersandfamilies.org
Ampersand Families contracts with the department to provide adoption and concurrent permanency planning services to families.
- Children's Home Society of Minnesota
1605 Eustis St.
St. Paul, MN 55108-1798
651-646-6393
Toll free: 800-952-9302
www.chsfs.org
Children's Home Society of Minnesota operates in partnership with Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, and contracts with the department to provide adoption and concurrent permanency planning services to families.
- Kindred Family Focus
9766 Fallon Ave. N.E., Suite 104
Monticello, MN 55362
320-529-0862
763-271-1670
www.nexustreatment.org/treatmentsites/kindred
Kindred Family Focus contracts with the department to provide adoption services to families.
- Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota
1605 Eustis St., Suite 200
St. Paul, MN 55108-1798
651-646-6393
Toll free: 800-952-9302
www.lssmn.org
Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota operates in partnership with Children's Home Society of Minnesota, and contracts with the department to provide adoption and concurrent permanency planning services to families.
- North Homes Inc.
1880 River Rd.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-327-3055
Toll free: 800-430-3055
www.northhomesinc.org
North Homes Inc. contracts with the department to provide adoption and concurrent permanency planning services to families.

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