



Adoption support contract: 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 relative 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.

Need 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.

Currently, of the 733 Minnesota children who need adoptive homes immediately:

- Approximately 57% are siblings who need to be adopted together.
- 36% are white, 31% are Black/African American, 25% are two or more races, 6% are American Indian and 1% are Asian or Pacific Islander.
- 72% are between 6 and 18 years old.

Adoption services

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 child-specific recruitment activities for children who are difficult to place for adoption.

Relative 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 relative concurrent permanency planning, reunification and adoption
- Placing children in relative concurrent foster homes, and providing supports and services to both children and families throughout the placement
- Assisting families through the adoption process if children cannot be reunified with their birth parents.

Private agency services

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

- Ampersand Families
2515 Wabash Ave., Suite 150
St. Paul, MN 55114
612-605-1904
www.ampersandfamilies.org

Ampersand Families contracts with the department to provide adoption and relative 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.chlss.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 relative concurrent permanency planning services, innovative recruitment and support to families.

- Kindred Family Focus
9766 Fallon Ave. N.E., Suite 104
Monticello, MN 55362
320-529-0862
763-271-1670

www.nexustreatment.org/sites/kindred/about/index

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
651-646-7771
Toll free: 800-952-9302
www.chlss.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 relative concurrent permanency planning services to families.

- North Homes Inc.
303 SE 1st St.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-327-3000
Toll free: 800-430-3055
www.northhomesinc.org

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