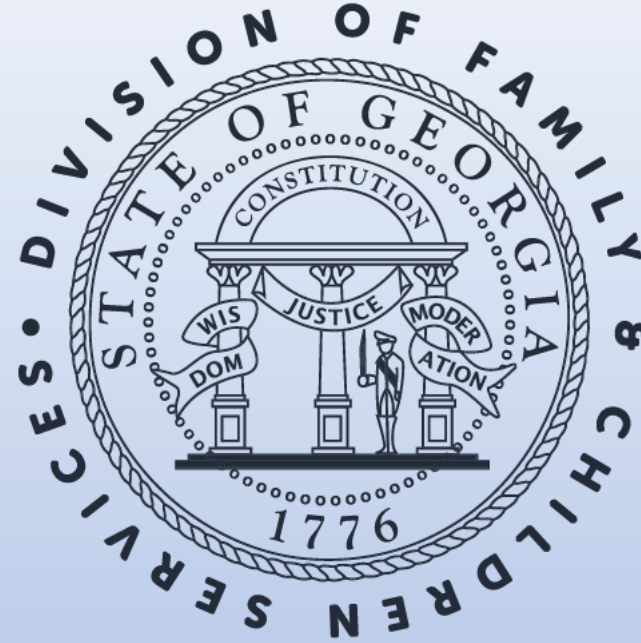




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AGENDA

1. Unapproved Re-Evaluation Data

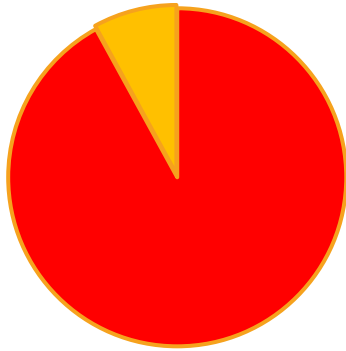
2. Adoption Process

3. AFPAG Presentation

4. Recognition & Reminders

Unapproved Re-evaluations September 2022 Monthly Series

Unapproved Re- Evaluations



196 Overdue Re-Evaluations currently and **22** homes have Kenny A Placements

17 Overdue Re-evaluations are pending OPM review

****179** Overdue Re-Evaluations remain outstanding

■ Re-Evaluations Overdue ■ Pending OPM



The Adoptive Process

(Chapter 11 in ODIS)

Blake Boyer



Policy Requirements Before Adoption Can Take Place

- Adoption Consideration Evaluation (ACE) – An assessment/interview the foster care case manager conducts with the prospective adoptive family focused on long term arrangements for the child.
- Adoption Assistance Application/Approval – Based on the special needs determination for a child(ren). This may involve the foster care case manager and foster parent obtaining prognosis letters or further evaluation/testing from a child's service providers.
- Child Life History – The child life history is a comprehensive document that details everything DFCS knows about a child's life up until the point of adoption. This document is accompanied by the child's entire file at the adoption signing. The child life history must be presented to the adoptive family and they must be allowed to have all applicable questions answered before the adoption signing. This is updated every 6 months.

Adoptive Placement and SHINES

- There must be a current adoption assistance application approved in SHINES before a child can be placed on adoptive status.
- A family must be in approved status for a child to be placed in their home on adoptive status. (PVAs, CAPS, and overdue re-evals will halt the adoption process)
- There must be a current and approved adoption consideration evaluation in SHINES before a child can be placed on adoptive status.



CPA Oversight

- An adoption is not finalized until the finalization court date. A CPA may not close a home until after an adoption decree has been obtained.
- The adoption signing day is different than finalization. This is the day a child is placed on adoptive status in the foster home and in SHINES. This is the day the family will usually receive the child life history, the child's file, and the day they will begin to receive adoption assistance instead of per diem. In order for the signing to happen, and to proceed to a court date, all 3 of the adoption file components must be completed.
- The signing day is a great opportunity for a CPA to be present to support the family.

The Traditional Match Process

- Typically used for agencies that have adoption contracts or families that are designated as Adopt or Adopt Legal-Risk.
- 1) Matching
- 2) CLH Presentation
- 3) Pre-Placement Staffing
- 4) Visitation
- 5) Adoption Signing/Placement
- 6) Post-Placement Supervision (6 mo)
- 7) Finalization
- At what point in this process is it appropriate for a family to “back out”?



The Adoptive Process for Partnership Parents

- If the child has been in the home on foster status for longer than 6 months, there is no waiting period.
- The CLH presentation occurs soon before or on the day of the adoption signing. If family expects they will have questions or need clarification, they should ask for it to be done before hand.
- CPAs can advocate for families by pushing for all necessary evaluations/assessments to be done for adoption assistance to be accurate. This should be done well before the day of signing.
- CPAs can help families prepare for the ACE by asking them to consider issues such as life insurance, guardianship, etc. beforehand.

Questions?



A top-down view of a diverse group of people's hands stacked in a circle, symbolizing unity and support. The hands are of various skin tones and are wearing different colored sleeves. The background is a light-colored wooden floor.

Adoptive and Foster Parent Association of Georgia (AFPAG) Presentation



Monthly Recognition

OPM's Notable Moments Goes Too....

Jordan Strick -Her assessment are always well written and compliant with both DFCS and Safe Guidelines.

Tamara Campbell- Her assessment provided a detailed dialogue with youth about Independent Living, Work, and plans about post foster care. The assessment also provided thorough insight of the youth's feelings and dialogue with the youth about those feelings.

Aida Emmanuels- Provided a thorough assessment of the youth. She followed up with the foster parent after speaking with the youth regarding how to address what the youth verbalized. Ms. Emmanuels followed up with Safe regarding how to address, assess, and document before submitting to OPM for concurrence.


Yolanda Martin- Does a great job processing transfers of caregivers from other agencies to her agency. She follows the required Protocol and keeps all required parties in the loop via email.

Checobia Glass-Provided clear documentation that supported what she observed/assessed while in the home beyond reporting.



Agencies at 100% Approved Homes In the Month of September

- ❖ Camp Rock of Georgia
- ❖ Chris 180
- ❖ Foster Love Ministries
- ❖ Generational Child Care
- ❖ Georgia Baptist Children Home & Family Ministries
- ❖ Goshen Valley Foundation
- ❖ Health Connect America
- ❖ Twin Cedars Youth Services
- ❖ WinShape Foster Care



GOOD JOB



Reminders

Remember...

- Submit your immunization waiver requests to opm.leadership@dhs.ga.gov
- Prospective caregivers who have submitted all required onboarding forms, all supplemental verification, home visits and initial trainings should be submitted to OPM RD for review within 30 days of completion.
- Remember your agency is the final approving authority.
- The onus is on your agency to ensure the home meets all SAFE and policy guidelines.

Routinely Check Open Foster Home Status

Open Foster Homes (in SHINES)

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FH ID	Primary/Secondary Caregiver	Initial Approval Date	Annual ReEvaluation	Current Status	Placements Allowed
10101	Cindy (Test) Holmwood (test)	06/15/2016	Overdue: due 5/31/2021	Unapproved <i>On Hold</i>	No
9590	Sylvia Horne (TEST) and Ben Horne (TEST)	09/04/2011	Due 8/31/2022	Approved	Yes
16604	Ronald McDonald	01/05/2021	Due 12/31/2021	Approved	Yes
9589	Sarah Palmer (TEST) and Leland Palmer (TEST)	11/15/2012	Overdue: due 4/30/2021	Unapproved	No
27524	Dawn Reed and Kevin Ummmm	01/01/2020	Due 1/31/2022	Approved	Yes
8790	Poppy Sockavich (Test Only) and Jennie Sockavich (Test Only)	07/01/2007	Overdue: due 7/31/2021	Unapproved	No
13398	Linda Wahlig and Barry Wahlig	01/15/2021	Due 12/31/2021	Approved	Yes

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Capacity Waivers – RBWO Minimum Standards 11.28

Children with specialty program designation (SBWO, SMWO, & SMFWO) must be the only placement in the home.

Requirements to provide care for more than one youth with specialty designation: two parent foster home, one of which is a stay at home parent, at least one must have a clinical or nursing background or have professional experience in caring for youth with specialty specified medical diagnoses and/or disabilities.

Any exception to this standard (whether for placement or respite) must request a waiver from OPM. The waiver should include a complete explanation of the supporting circumstances and concurrence from all children's DFCS CM.

Kenny A
Children –
RBWO
Minimum
Standard
4.8 (1a)

No child will be placed in a foster home if that placement will result in more than three (3) foster children in that home, or a total of six (6) children in the home, including the foster family's bio and/or adopted children, without the written approval of the Caregiver Coordination Section Director or designee.

Capacity waivers are not required for sibling groups over three (3) if they are the only placements in the home.



Questions

Suggestions

OPM RD TEAM would love your feedback and suggestions. Please send information to opm.leadership@dhs.ga.gov

