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The Adoption Selection Process

Adoption Selection

Caseworker (after input from child's team and following consultation with supervisor)

- Indian child, and complies with ICWA
- Refugee child and complies with I-E.2.2
- Relative alone for any age or group of siblings
- Department, after diligent search and found no available relatives
  1. Current caretaker alone for a child or sibling group
  2. General applicants only for a child under 6 years with no extraordinary needs

Decision

Caseworker
Adoptive Resource Selection

Notifications

- ✓ Caseworker to Adoption workers and others
- ✓ Adoption workers to family selected and resources considered

Adoption Selection Recommendation

Local Adoption Committee

- One child with extraordinary needs
- One child age 6 or over
- Siblings when resource is not a relative or current caretaker
- Use of local committee approved by CWPM based on complexities or dynamics of a case

Central Office Adoption Committee

- Resources include more than one relative
- Resources include Current caretaker and either relatives or general applicants
- Resources include more than one current caretaker for siblings to be placed together
- DHS staff and Conflict of Interest applies
- Non-DHS staff and potential conflict of interest
- Resource lives outside USA or I-G.1.14 re: Inter-country Adoption Act applies
- Use of C.O. Committee approved by C.O. Adoption Program based on complexities or dynamics of a case

Decision

Adoption Decision Specialist (ADS)
Adoptive Resource Selection

Notifications

- ✓ ADS to Caseworker, Adoption workers, and facilitator
- ✓ Adoption workers to family selected and resources considered
- ✓ Caseworker to others

When there is a

Request for Review

Review

By Assistant DHS Director or designee

Decision

Adoptive Resource Selection