**Section 309.140 Placement of Children with Adoptive Families**

When a specific family is identified as appropriate for the placement of a specific child waiting to be adopted, the Department or adoption agency will:

a) present information on the child to the family to allow the family to make the decision to proceed to the next step in placement;

b) bring the child and family together in a situation designed to offer the family an opportunity to observe the child's appearance and behavior without risk of rejection;

c) arrange a face-to-face meeting between the child and family;

d) plan a series of visits and contacts, usually of progressive duration, to move the child and family toward placement;

e) bring about the actual placement of the child with the adoptive family after which appropriate post-placement services will be provided in accordance with Section 309.160; and

f) inform the adoptive parents that they may be contacted in the future regarding placement of or contact with siblings subsequently requiring placement or requesting contact with their adopted siblings.

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