

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY RESOURCES DIVISION

Placement Search Engine Options

In an effort to achieve the goals of concurrent planning, we have developed the following categories in which to assist us in locating an appropriate and dually prepared home for our children. We are asking our resource parents to identify one of the following categories they would like to be associated with on the placement search engine.

1. Resource Family - Adoption Only

Families that select this category wish to adopt only. The children available within this category will most likely be identified under the Safe Surrender Law, legally freed from their birth families or those that the court has identified as “Fast Track to Permanency” cases. This category involves limited legal risk and birth parent involvement. Available children will be identified through our Placement & Recruitment Unit and your applicant social worker will contact you when a match occurs.

2. Resource Family - Fost/Adopt

Families that select this category wish to adopt a child but will facilitate court ordered family reunification. In such a case, you may receive a call from someone other than your current social worker who may be looking for a placement home. These children often need emergency placements which present time constraints. Therefore, you probably will not have time to contact your applicant social worker in order to address questions you might have about the child and the possible placement. So, then, you will most likely be responsible for completing your own screening and assessment process in order to determine if this is an appropriate placement for you to accept. (Your PS-MAPP curriculum, Meeting 8, Handout 9, *Important Questions to Ask Your Social Worker Prior to Placement of a Child* will help you prepare for these telephone calls.

Families that select this category must be prepared to make a quick decision about a child's placement with little or no information provided. This may involve accepting a child into your home with little or no information about birth family history such as medical, emotional and developmental issues. Families in this category must be open to the legal risks associated with concurrent planning and should have a good idea, in advance, what circumstances “would not” be a good fit for your family.

If you accept a fost/adopt placement you must inform your applicant social worker as soon as possible so they can assist you in obtaining additional information, resources, or making a referral to the TIES for Adoption program.

You will not be penalized for saying “no” to telephone inquiries about a placement. It is beneficial to everyone, especially the child, if you to pass on a placement that does not seem to be a good fit for your family. Families that select this category will still have their selection chart submitted to our Placement & Recruitment Unit.

3. Resource Family - Foster

These are families who wish to provide a temporary home for a child and prefer children who are likely to reunify with birth family.

Please know that you can change your above stated preference at any time. Just notify your applicant social worker of your new interest and the change will be made immediately.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above information and that I have received a copy of this form.

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Resource Parent #1	Date	Resource Parent #2	Date