

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

Concurrent Planning with Resource Families

The concept of Concurrent Planning is a child-focused practice designed to:

- Work toward family reunification while at the same time, developing an alternative permanent plan
- Reduce the total length of time a child is in foster care

A Resource Family:

- Supports a family's reunification efforts.
- Is willing to adopt if the reunification efforts are not successful and the child becomes available for adoption.
- Recognizes that reunification efforts may include multiple visitations with either or both birth parents, as well as visitation with other relatives (e.g. grandparents, siblings, etc.)
- May encounter emotional challenges as the child "moves through the system."
- May need additional support from their Social Worker.
- Knows that the placement of this child is considered a "foster placement."
- Understands that the placement of this child does not imply that adoption will occur, or even that the child will remain in the resource family's home for the duration of reunification.

Your Social Worker will apprise you, the Resource Family, of the child's situation prior to placement insofar as information is available. However, the very essence of Concurrent Planning means that there are many, as yet undetermined variables, and that, most likely, only limited information will be available at the time of placement. Many circumstances may impact a foster placement, including but not limited to the following:

- The Court disposition is unknown and unpredictable.
- The Children's Social Workers cannot predict the outcome of a child's case.
- The birth parent may move to another county and the Court could order the child be moved to that county.
- The birth parent may enter an alcohol/drug rehabilitation program and the child may be "reunited" with the parent in the rehabilitation center.
- A relative (or "non-related extended family member") may be found and the child moved.
- A birth sibling or half-sibling may be located and the child is moved;

Some of these situations may occur months after the initial placement with the Resource Family.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above information with regard to what it means to be a "Resource Family", and that I have received a copy of this information.

Resource Parent #1

Date

Resource Parent #2

Date