

**WAC 110-147-1670 What are the requirements for providing adoptive services?** (1) If you plan to provide adoption services you must meet the requirements for a child placing agency outlined in this chapter.

(2) You must comply with federal and state adoption and adoption support laws and policies.

(3) You must provide adoptive applicants with the following:

(a) Information about the adoption process as outlined in this chapter, as well as your agency's policies, practices and legal procedures;

(b) The needs and characteristics of children available for adoption and the challenges and parenting practices that best meet those needs;

(c) Information on available adoption support programs and post-adoption services; and

(d) Information about the adoptive applicant's right to have legal counsel that is not associated with, and independent of, your agency.

(4) You must document that you provided this information to the adoptive applicant(s) in their file.

(5) You must prepare the potential adoptive family for placement of a specific child by locating and providing information about the child and the birth family to the prospective adoptive family provided under federal and state statute.

(6) You must accept or deny an adoption application and give the applicant(s) an explanation for your decision.

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