

WAC 110-60-0020 What definitions apply to the department's adoption program? "Agency" means any public or private association, corporation, or individual licensed or certified by the department as a child placing agency under chapter 74.15 RCW or as an adoption agency.

"Adoptee" means a person who is to be adopted or who has been adopted.

"Adoption" means the legal granting of the adoption decree consistent with chapter 26.33 RCW.

"Adoptive parent" refers to a person or persons who seeks to adopt or who has adopted.

"Alleged father" refers to a person whose parent-child relationship has not been terminated, who is not a presumed father under chapter 26.26 RCW, and who alleges to be the father or whom a party alleges to be the father of the child. It includes a person whose marriage to the mother was terminated more than 300 days before the birth of the child or who was separated from the mother more than 300 days before the birth of the child.

"Approved adoptive home" refers to any person or persons who has been approved for adoption in a preplacement report completed pursuant to RCW 26.33.190.

"Birth parent" means the biological mother or biological or alleged father of a child, including a presumed father under chapter 26.26 RCW, whether or not a court of competent jurisdiction has terminated the person's parent-child relationship.

"Child placing agency" means an agency licensed by the department to place children for temporary care, continued care, or adoption.

"Children's administration" (CA) means the cluster of programs within the department of social and health services responsible for the provision of child welfare, adoption, child protective, child care licensing, and other services to children and their families.

"Department" means the department of children, youth, and families (DCYF).

"Department placement" refers to the placement of a child for whom the department has placement authority in an approved adoptive home.

"Division of children and family services" (DCFS) is the division of children's administration that provides child welfare, child protective, family reconciliation, and support services to children in need of protection and their families.

"Division of licensed resources" (DLR) is the division of children's administration responsible for licensing or certifying child care homes and facilities under the authority of chapter 74.15 RCW.

"Foster-adopt" refers to families that are interested in adoption who have an approved adoptive home study and who have also been granted a foster home license in accordance with chapter 388-148 WAC.

"Independent placement" refers to the placement of a child in an adoptive home by a doctor, attorney, or other individual acting as a facilitator.

"Inter-country placement" refers to the placement of a child for adoption who is not a resident and/or citizen of the United States.

"Relative" means a person related by blood, marriage, or legal adoption, as defined in RCW 74.15.020.

"Voluntary adoption plan" means an agreement by the birth parent(s) to the termination of parental rights with a specific proposal for adoptive placement for the child.

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