



Assessor Training

Post-Training
Skill-Building
Assignment #5

Adoption Assistance

FROM THE FIELD

“The under-usage and misuse of adoption subsidies keeps some children in the foster care system who might otherwise have been adopted. In addition, the failure to provide certain services increases the number of adoption disruptions among children placed for adoption, and discourages future adoptions by families considered experienced would-be adopters.”

Forever Families—
Support for Families of
Children with Special
Needs: A Policy Analysis
of Adoption Subsidy
Programs in the United
States, North American
Council on Adoptable
Children; 2002.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Completing this assignment will help you:

- Determine which subsidies might be potential resources for a child;
- Assist adoptive families in applying for the subsidies.

INSTRUCTIONS (USE THE ATTACHED WORKSHEET TO RECORD YOUR WORK)

1. Select a child who is waiting for adoptive placement or who has recently entered an adoptive placement.
2. Determine whether the child meets the federal or state requirements for a “child with special needs” (refer to *Adoption Assistance Handout #1*). Why or why not?
3. Determine which subsidies might be potential resources for the child (refer to *Adoption Assistance Handouts #3* and *#3a*).
4. Meet with your supervisor to explore your assessments.
5. Develop a plan to inform the adoptive family of these resources and complete the appropriate applications.
6. Provide feedback on the assignment by completing an online survey at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=365843881460>

Worksheet

ADOPTION ASSISTANCE



The first name of the child I selected: _____

Reasons this child does or does not meet the federal or state requirements for a “child with special needs” (refer to *Adoption Assistance Handout #1*):

Subsidies that might be potential resources for the child (refer to *Adoption Assistance Handouts #3 and #3a*):

My supervisor provided the following feedback concerning my identified resources:

Below is my plan to inform the adoptive family of these resources and to complete the appropriate applications:

Plan

WHAT	WHO	WHEN

EVALUATION

OCWTP needs your feedback concerning this assignment. Please go to:

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to complete a short online survey. Thank you for your help!