

Descriptions of Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN) Units of Service

Child Preparation:

- Addresses seven core issues: Shame/Guilt, Grief, Loss, Control, Intimacy/Attachment, Identify, and Abandonment/Rejection;
- Prepares children and youth for the next step in their journey;
- Can include the creation of a lifebook; and
- Can be referred for a child with any permanency goal.

Child Profile

- Is a comprehensive summary of the child's life history and functioning;
- Must be referred within 90 days of establishing a goal of Adoption; and
- Can be referred for a child with any permanency goal;

Child Specific Recruitment

- Involves finding an adoptive or custodian resource or permanent connection for a specific child or youth; and
- Can be referred for a child with any permanency goal.

Family Profile

- Process by which a family who wishes to adopt and/or be a custodian undergoes a process of information sharing with the adopting agency. This process usually includes visits to the home and talks with family members. It also includes background checks to verify employment, criminal and child abuse history checks, and character references.
- Used to match families with waiting children, and
- Can be used for all permanency goals.

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Child Placement

- Includes activities related to matching waiting children and families;
- Includes activities involved in pre-placement and transitioning the child/youth in a home;
- Includes filing of Report of Intent; and
- Is **only** for a child/youth with a goal of Adoption.

Adoption Finalization

- Involves activities from placement to finalization; and
- Is **only** for children with a goal of Adoption.

Post Permanency Services

- Are for families that have adopted, provided kinship care or legal custodianship;
- Are accessed by families by contacting the SWAN Helpline (1-800-585-SWAN);
- Include family-driven services such as assessment/case advocacy, respite, and support groups; and
- Are provided by affiliates.