

Adoption STAR

Post Placement Services

The post-placement period is a crucial time in solidifying the adoption. All members of the adoptive family's household should be involved. The adoption caseworker will be readily accessible to the family and child to discuss and address events, behaviors, and feelings of all family members.

- First week of adoptive placement: *At least two to three visits.*
- Second week of adoptive placement: *At least one to two visits.*
- Third and fourth week of adoptive placement: *At least one visit each week.*
- Second and third months of adoptive placement: *At least one visit every two weeks. By the end of the third month at least one collateral contact with a person familiar with the child who lives outside of the home (example teacher, doctor, therapist).*
- Until date of finalization: *At least one visit each month.*

The child must be residing in the adoptive home for a minimum of three months before the adoption can be finalized.

The Post Placement period is a time to take advantage of the support and expertise of the Agency and adoption caseworker. Families and children will become familiar with the caseworker and develop a rapport that will allow for honest and successful communication.