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Find a Family Tool

AdoptUSKids Database Demo for Professionals

Live Demo, Presentation, and Q&A | July 28, 2016



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Welcome and Introductions

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Housekeeping

- This meeting is 60 minutes long and the meeting will be interactive.
- This meeting is being recorded. The archived meeting will be shared on the NRCDR and AdoptUSKids websites. A link to the recording will be emailed to you.
- Your line will be open during parts of the meeting for questions and discussion. Please use the mute button on your phone to mute your line when you are not speaking.
- You can use the chat function to let us know if you are having technical issues or to communicate with NRCDR staff.

Agenda

- Welcome, introductions, housekeeping, agenda
- Overview and benefits of the Find a Family tool
- Find a Family tool introduction and demonstration
- Questions
- Systems considerations
- Next steps and closing remarks

Poll Question

Benefits of the Find a Family Tool

- Database of almost 2,500 profiles of families who are home studied and approved to adopt a child or sibling group from foster care
- Cross match needs of children in care and preferences with those of families in the database
- One tool (of many) that can help you find families that can meet a specific child's needs
- Offers an alternative to photolisting or a complementary tool
- Provides a systematic and centralized way to search for families within your state

Find a Family Tool Demonstration

- Improved family profiles
- Family verification process
- Accessing your agency account or setting up a new account
- Finding families using the search tools

Improved Family Profiles

- Have you received any pre-service training, and if so, what kind?
- Is your home wheelchair accessible?
 - Yes
 - Not currently, but willing to modify
 - No

Improved Family Profiles

- Are you a member of a federally recognized tribe?
 - Yes, tribe:
 - No
- Are you enrolled?
 - Enrolled
 - Not enrolled, but affiliated with tribe
 - Not enrolled, not affiliated

Improved Family Profiles

- Would you be willing to consider providing a home for an LGBTQ-identified youth?
 - Willing to consider
 - No
- Which disabilities and conditions will you consider?
(This list mirrors the list in the child profiles.)

Improved Family Profiles

New narrative fields

- Introduction – family members, community you live in, children hoping to adopt
- Lifestyles and interests – hobbies and activities enjoy doing together, community involvements
- Experience with children – in primary or extended family, in career or as a volunteer
- Support network – including extended family, friends and neighbors, faith community
- Available resources – resources you can access such as medical facilities, schools, cultural opportunities

Family Verification Process

- Verification email gets sent to family's worker when family submits registration form.
 - Does the family have an up-to-date home study?
 - Is the home study a SAFE home study?
 - Is the family approved to adopt from foster care?
 - Do you believe the family is actively seeking a placement?
- Families get re-verified annually.

Family Verification Process

- In addition to verification, families who do not log in for 3 months will not appear in search results.
- Our goal: Search results will show families who are approved to adopt from foster care and are actively looking for a placement.

Participant Questions



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Systems Considerations

- How is use of the tool written into policy or communicated in terms of practice?
- How do new workers gain access to the agency account (or know to register)?
- How do new staff learn about the functionality of the AdoptUSKids website and other similar types of tools?
- How do homestudied families know to register on AdoptUSKids?

Resources, Next Steps, and Closing Remarks

- Complete the brief feedback survey (3 questions)
- Recording of today's call will be emailed
- Visit the AdoptUSKids website to access the:

Worker registration form

<https://adoptuskids.org/photolisting/worker-registration-form>

Find a Family tool

https://adoptuskids.org/_app/family/searchq.aspx?bc=1

- Sign up for NRCDR's newsletter, *E-Notes*:

nr cdr.org/news-and-e-notes

- Follow AdoptUSKids and NRCDR on social media

Twitter: @NRC_DR and @AdoptUSKids

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AdoptUsKids>



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