

## SECTION .0300 - FUNCTIONS OF A PUBLIC ADOPTION AGENCY

### 10A NCAC 70M .0301 GENERAL

Public adoption agencies shall perform the following functions:

- (1) provision of casework and other supportive services to biological parents considering adoption;
- (2) provision of casework and other supportive services to the child considered for adoption;
- (3) provision of casework and other supportive services to adoptive applicants through pre-placement studies;
- (4) selection of home and placement process;
- (5) supervision after placement;
- (6) fulfillment of social and legal responsibilities;
- (7) compilation and preservation of case records;
- (8) provision of post-adoption consultation services, including, coordination and referrals for educational enrollment for children seven to sixteen years of age, and for therapeutic and physical health needs;
- (9) when this Subchapter requires, determine whether eligibility requirements have been met for adoption assistance in this Subchapter that is available for children with special needs who are in custody of the public adoption agency or who have been placed by a private child-placing agency in an adoptive home within its jurisdiction;
- (10) administer adoption assistance agreements for which it entered into pursuant to this Subchapter;
- (11) notify adoptive parents of tax credits that may be available for adoptive parents;
- (12) make information available for prospective adoptive families that describes the kinds of children needing placement, the availability of adoption assistance, and procedures for referring families they are unable to serve to other child placing agencies; and
- (13) recruit potential foster and adoptive families in accordance with the Multiethnic Placement Act (MEPA) of 1994, P.L. 103-382, as amended by the Interethnic Adoption Provisions of 1996, P.L. 104-188.

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