

PRE-FINALIZATION ADOPTION SERVICES

Whose Job is it?

Place a check in the box next to those tasks that are the responsibility of the Assessor.

	Assessor's Responsibility?	Task
1.		Educate all family members, including the new children, about expected stresses and changes as a result of the adoption and its impact on ALL family members including the adopted child.
2.		Help adoptive family members prepare for, adjust to, and manage the changes as a result of the adoption.
3.		Facilitate the development of new attachments between family members and promote feelings of mutual belonging.
4.		Encourage the development of entitlement by adoptive parents.
5.		Encourage claiming by the child and the family of each other.
6.		Recognize early indicators of potential disruption.
7.		Provide immediate interventions to stabilize placements at risk of disruption.
8.		Assist the child and adoptive family in understanding the child's trauma history and to utilize trauma-informed parenting.
9.		Support the child in maintaining a healthy relationship with birth family and other significant persons.
10.		Educate families about short-term and long-term challenges and assist them in developing their skills to deal with these challenges in the future.