

Child and Family Services Policy Manual: Adoption Kinship Adoption

Policy

Relatives and other kin may provide a familiar environment for the child and thereby provide a less traumatic and disruptive placement. Relatives/kinship providers offer an important connection to the birth family.

Relatives or other kin wishing to adopt shall be assessed as any other prospective adoptive parent(s) and must meet the same criteria, for approval as any other adoptive parent. Relatives or other kin are required to participate in adoptive parent training unless a written exception is granted by the regional administrator.

When the child's relatives or other kin and the child's foster parents wish to adopt the same child, and both have a favorable pre-placement evaluation completed, the relatives or other kin shall be given priority if they meet the placement criteria developed for the child as determined by the selection committee and if the placement is in the child's best interest. Documentation of "best interest" must be provided. Refer to Section 603-2, Identification and Selection of the Family and to Section 602-5, Foster Parent Adoption.

References

Mont. Code Ann. § § 42-3-202, 203, 204 and 42-3-301.
Mont. Admin. R. 37.52.101 through 37.52.115