

**Child and Family Services Policy Manual: Adoption  
Certification for Evaluations in Direct Parental Placement Adoptions**

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**Policy**

Prior to October 1, 2001, the Department certified Licensed Clinical Social Workers to conduct pre and post-placement evaluations and to provide post-placement supervision in direct parental placement adoptions. This statute was repealed effective October 1, 2001. There is no longer a certification process for LCSW's.

Inquiring prospective adoptive parents with questions about obtaining a pre-placement evaluation for a direct parental placement adoption should be advised to contact a licensed adoption agency or a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.