

Post Adoption Sibling Agreement

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Forms

The following forms are referenced in this file:

- [ADOPT-310](#) Contact After Adoption Agreement

Background

In 2016 Family Code Section 861605 was amended to require:

County agencies working with adoptive families through the dependency system will convene a meeting with the child, the sibling(s) of the child, the prospective adoptive parent or parent and a facilitator for the purpose of deciding whether to voluntarily execute a postadoption sibling contact agreement, if parental rights have been terminated.

The court will inquire as to the status of the development of a voluntary postadoption sibling contact agreement at the time of the first review hearing and all subsequent hearings after parental rights are terminated.

Policy

Once Parental Rights are terminated and a permanent plan is ordered for a dependent child, the SW will convene a CFT (see Child and Family Team Meetings), ensuring the child, sibling(s), all adoptive parents/caregivers are present. In addition to discussing needs of the youth, including service and placement needs, the team will decide whether to voluntarily execute a postadoption sibling contact agreement.

Procedure

The table below describes the steps the SW will take to execute a Post Adoption Sibling Contact Agreement after parental rights have been terminated:

| Step | Who | Action |
|------|-----------------|--|
| 1 | SW | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make a referral for a CFT (see Child and Family Team Meetings).• When contacted by the CFT facilitator about agenda items, inform them that a Post Adoption Sibling Contact Agreement needs to be discussed during the meeting. |
| 2 | CFT facilitator | <p>Cover the following subjects during the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Frequency of Contact• Type of Contact including but not limited to phone calls, email, letters, photos, face to face visitation and social media contact• Type of information that will be released to the sibling and their respective caregivers• How often information will be distributed• Who information can be shared with.• How often face to face visits will occur.• Where visits will occur• How caregivers will contact each other• How each family wants to handle social media postings about their child• Any other contact details that the family may discuss. |
| 3 | SW | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• After the CFT meeting, work with the family to complete and sign the AD 310.• Distribute copies of the agreement to all parties involved.• Document details of the meeting in CWS/CMS per CFT documentation policy.• Document a summary of the meeting in the next status review report to the court. |

Alignment with SET

CWS values helping children and youth achieve their full potential and develop lifelong relationships: SET [Value 3](#), as well as having collaborative partnerships with kinship and resource families: SET [Value 2](#). The Post Adoption sibling agreement supports these values by partnering with kinship and resource families to help children develop and maintain lifelong relationships.
