

## Acronyms for Adoption & TPLPC

- Adam Walsh Background Study (AW – BGS)
- Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)
- Adoption Placement Agreement (APA)
- Benefit Agreement (BA)
- Best Interests (BI)
- Child Foster Care (CFC)
- Contrary to the Welfare Statement (CWS)
- Eligibility Determination (ED)
- Extended Foster Care – Supervised Independent Living (EFC-SIL)
- Extraordinary levels (EL)
- Guardian Ad Litem (GAL)
- Interstate Compact on Placement of Children (ICPC)
- Kinship Placement Agreement (KPA)
- Medical Assistance (MA)
- Minnesota Assessment of Parenting for Children and Youth (MAPCY)
- Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS)
- Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)
- Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)
- Northstar Adoption Assistance (NAA)
- Northstar Care for Children (NCC)
- Northstar Kinship Assistance (NKA)
- Out-of-Home Placement Plan (OHPP)
- Public Private Permanency Collaboration (PPPC)
- Relative Custody Assistance (RCA)
- Relative Custodian Verification (RCV)
- Social Security Administration (SSA)
- Social Security Income (SSI)
- State Adoption Exchange (SAE)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Suspension of Parental Rights (SPR)
- Termination of Parental Rights (TPR)
- Transfer of Permanent Legal and Physical Custody (TPLPC)
- Tribal Equivalent (TE)
- Voluntary Placement Agreement (VPA)

## Minnesota Statutes & Rules

- [MN Statute 142A](#) – Northstar Care for Children
- [MN Statute 260](#) – Juvenile Court; Child Placement; Compacts
- [MN Statute 260C](#) – Juvenile Safety & Placement
  - Home Study- 206C.611
  - Child Social & Medical History- 260C.609
  - Adoption petition- 260c.623
- [MN Statute 259](#) – Change of Name, Adoption
- [MN Statute 245A](#) – Human Services Licensing
- [MN Statute 245C](#) – Human Services Background Studies
- [MN Rule 2960](#) – Child Foster Care Licensing
- [Sibling Bill of Rights](#)- Sibling placement, separation, visitation and communication

## Post Finalization Resources

- Foster Adopt Minnesota: [www.fosteradoptmn.org](http://www.fosteradoptmn.org)
  - Information, resources, statewide support groups, training, HELP program
- Families Rising: [www.wearefamiliesrising.org](http://www.wearefamiliesrising.org)
  - Support groups, adoption events, peer-led, for both adoptive parents and adopted children/youth statewide
- Business Information Portal: <https://bip.dhs.mn.gov/>
  - To request reimbursement for non-recurring expenses for finalization
  - Home and vehicle modification request (adoption only)
- Adoption-competent mental health providers
  - Search service available via [CASCW: PACC Directory](#)
- [Adoption and Permanency: Three Part Series](#)
  - Search online module through Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare (CASCW)

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- Title IV-E- [Regional IV-E trainers](#)
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- Adoption Assistance- [adoption.assistance@state.mn.us](mailto:adoption.assistance@state.mn.us)
- SSIS Help Desk- [dhs.ssishelp@state.mn.us](mailto:dhs.ssishelp@state.mn.us)
- Child Welfare Training System- [dhs.csp.training@state.mn.us](mailto:dhs.csp.training@state.mn.us)

### **Important Documents**

- [Adoption Placement Agreement](#)
- [Adoption Process Checklist](#)
- [Adoption Process Workflow](#)
- [Attaching Documents in SSIS](#)
- [Benefits Information Portal](#)
- [Full Disclosure Policy](#)
- [ICPC Report on Child's Placement Status](#)
- [Instructions for Completing a Social & Medical History for a Child in Foster Care \(DHS-6754\)](#)
- [Kinship Workflow](#)
- [Legally & Financially Responsible Agency Roles Under Northstar Care for Children \(DHS-3822\)](#)
- [Non-recurring adoption expense details](#)
- [Northstar Care for Children Basic & Supplemental Payment Rates](#)
- [Permanency Folder Outline](#)
- [Policy on sibling placement, separation, visitation and contact](#)
- [Report of Adoptive Placement \(DHS-0178\)](#)
- [TPLPC Process Checklist](#)

- [Social & Medical History for a Child in Foster Care \(DHS-6754A\)](#)
- [What is the MAPCY Assessment?](#)