

# Adoption Timeline

All appeals are resolved with the Courts. Child is legally eligible for adoption and case is transferred to an adoption worker. The adoption worker will give adoptive parents the Information Sheet on Adoption Assistance and the Adoption Timeline.

The agency provides the adoptive parents with the Adoption Assistance Application and the VeMAT will be updated if necessary. The agency will notify the adoptive parents in writing (within 14 days) of receipt of the completed application and the application will be processed within 90 days. The Adoption Assistance Agreement will be negotiated with the adoptive parents using the Adoption Assistance Worksheet.

Once the child has been in the adoptive home for six months, the agency completes a Consent to Adopt which is signed by the Agency Director and County/City Administrator

The Judge signs the Order of Reference ordering the agency to complete a Report of Investigation.

The Report of Investigation is mailed to the Circuit Court, State Office, and the Adoption Attorney, who files the final order of adoption with the Circuit Court. Adoptive parents will receive a signed copy of the final order in the mail.

