

**POLICY ON THE PROCESS FOR SIMULTANEOUSLY  
APPROVING FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT  
AND ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT**

When a family who has been informed of the criteria for foster care and adoption decides to become a licensed foster family, as well as to adopt, they will be provided joint training on foster care and adoptive placements. An application, ODJFS 1691, will be completed by the family. On the application, they can check both boxes that apply to foster care and adoption, which will approve them for both types of placements when the home study is approved. As the need arises, the family will be considered for either placement and the rules and policies will be followed based on the type of placement. Trumbull County Children Services approves dual licensing of new foster caregivers. In this way, the foster family can be viewed as a resource home to meet the child's temporary, as well as permanency needs.

An agency not certified to recommend foster homes or conduct adoptive homestudies may refer that part of the homestudy to Trumbull County Children Services to complete all or part of the homestudy.

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