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| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |

Message:

General & Targeted Recruitment:

Boys and Girls Aide Society will continue to provide general and targeted foster home and adoptive home recruitment services for the Department. They will continue to be the recipient of calls to the 1-800 number general inquiry phone line.

Child Specific Recruitment:

A Family for Every Child, a licensed SNAC adoption agency in Lane County, is the new provider for the Department's adoption program RFP contract that was issued for Child Specific Recruitment. Their Executive Director is Christy Obie-Barrett. Her program staff include Valerie Pitcher, B.S., Recruitment Specialist; and Laura Lawver, M.S.W., Adoptions Director, who both come with Oregon and California based experience in social services and child welfare.

A Family for Every Child (AFFEC) will provide the following services under the umbrella contract of this new RFP:

1. Training of adoptive families. This will include 6 orientation sessions and 6 weekend training sessions in the Portland Metropolitan area, per calendar year. These trainings are supplemental to the training offered through the D.H.S. branches. Foster/adoptive families from within the state of Oregon are required to be trained in the "Foundations" curriculum regardless of who the training

provider is. A Family For Every Child will be providing training that utilizes the “Foundations” curriculum.

2. Presentation at adoption committee of general applicant families that have been studied by a private agency from out of state. Caseworkers need to initially contact Pam Stanley in the Central Office Adoption Program with these referrals. She will then direct the caseworker to contact A Family For Every Child.
3. Individual Recruitment Plan (IRP) work that is child specific. This will service children who have been waiting the longest for adoptive placement and some sibling groups. Central Office adoption program recruitment worker, Beckie Jackson will be the liaison for this and will initiate the referrals to caseworkers and to AFFEC for IRP work. The IRP worker, Valerie Pitcher, will be in direct contact with the caseworker once a referral has been made. She has 90 days to complete the assignment of searching for a potential adoptive resource for the child. The IRP worker may have access to the child’s case file in the branch.
4. As part of the child specific recruitment, AFFEC will be the liaison for the NorthWest Adoption Exchange, the Oregonian’s Wednesday’s Child, Idaho’s Child and various other media/publications. They will field inquiries regarding bulletins and waiting children via the Child Specific Recruitment 1-800 number. This 1-800 number is separate from the general inquiry number that BGAID will be servicing. AFFEC will respond to potential adoptive applicants who phone this 1-800 number to inquire about a child. They will advise the enquirer to have their assigned adoption worker make direct contact with the child’s caseworker.
5. Publications of the “Family Matters” newsletter. There will be 6 published issues per calendar year.
6. Coordination, facilitation and agenda preparation of the monthly SNAC meetings.

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