	Department of Human Services **CHILDREN, ADULTS & FAMILIES** **CLIENT SERVICES MANUAL I** **ISSUED BY**: Program Operations **EFFECTIVE DATE**: July 1, 2001	**NUMBER:** I-G.3.2 **OAR:** 413-130-0150 thru 0180 **SECTION:** G. Adoption **SUBSECTION:** 3. Post Adoption Services
SUBJECT: 2. Post Legal Adoption Services - Oregon Administrative Rules		

Repealed

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REFERENCE: ORS 109.425 to 109.507 (Voluntary Adoption Registry)
OAR 413-130-0130, Post Finalization Applications for Adoption Assistance
Child Welfare Policy I-G.3.3, Adoption Registry
Child Welfare Policy I-G.3.4, Assisted Search Program
CF 955, "Risk Assessment Continuum"
CF 955A, "Child Abuse and Neglect Risk Factor Checklist"
CF 304, "Service Application"

PURPOSE

413-130-0150 The purpose of these rules is to establish criteria and eligibility for post legal adoption services for adoptive families who adopted a child through the State Office for Services to Children and Families.

Statutory Authority: ORS 418.005
Stats. Implemented: ORS 109.425 to 109.507

DEFINITION

413-130-0160 (1) "Oregon Post Adoption Resource Center (ORPARC). Contracted service provider whose services to post adoptive families include information and referral, training, support groups and networks, assistance with planning for respite care, lending library, follow up tracking, advertising and promotional efforts, and an advisory committee.

Repealed

(2) "Post Legal Adoption" is the period of time after an adoption is legalized.
Statutory Authority: ORS 418.005
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VALUES

413-130-0170 (1) Freeing a special needs child for adoption through SOSCF presupposes a commitment by the agency to the child until the child reaches the age of 18 years or emancipation, whichever comes first. SOSCF assumes an obligation to the child, the adoptive parent(s) and to the family as a whole to maintain the placement through the delivery of adoption preservation services.

(2) Families who adopt special needs children are often challenged by the exceptional current and future needs of their children, and may require specialized services after the adoption is legalized.

(3) SOSCF's response to adoptive families (who adopted through SOSCF) returning to the agency for support shall be provided in a way that is sensitive to the issues unique to adoption.

(4) Any child who is unable to grow up safely in his or her own home should be assured the opportunity to become a valued and permanent member of another safe family that understands and responds to his or her needs.
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PROCEDURES

413-130-0180 Except where OAR 413-030-0100 through OAR 413-030-0130, (Child Protective Services Eligibility administrative rules) apply, SOSCF shall not determine eligibility for post legal adoption services to families who have adopted a child through SOSCF on the basis of risk assessment factors or the vulnerability scale, but shall base it on the needs of the adoptive child and family. Post legal adoptive services will be determined by the availability of SOSCF and community resources.

(1) Prior to the finalization of an adoption, the child's SOSCF worker shall inform the approved family of the existence of post adoptive resources including the Oregon Post Adoption Resource Center (ORPARC) and the availability of services directly from the SOSCF branch, and document this on the Statement of Verification of the Voluntary Adoption Registry.

(2) Case responsibility for post-legal adoptive services shall be determined through branch administration.

Repealed

(3) Adoptive families eligible to receive SOSCF services shall sign the CF 304, "Service Application," to access SOSCF services. SOSCF services and other community services may include, but are not limited to referrals to SOSCF contracted services or other agency or community services, (such as ORPARC, counseling, adoptive parent's support group, family resource or unity meeting, respite care, temporary out-of-home care or residential treatment).

(4) SOSCF may process post adoption applications for adoption assistance or renegotiated agreements through the adoption assistance coordinator without the need for casework services.

(5) SOSCF shall refer members of the adoption triad (adult adoptee, adoptive family and birth family) seeking non-identifying or identifying information to the adoption registry and assisted search programs through the State Office for Services to Children and Families.

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