

sibling planning staffings for children for whom adoption together is the plan and the remaining sibling or siblings have a plan other than adoption. Case workers have the *option* of staffing sibling cases for consultation for issues other than separation of siblings for adoptive placement.

Implementation/Transition Instructions: Sibling Placement Planning in Adoption OARs released in Jan. 1, 2004 are replaced by this policy.

Training/Communication Plan: Overviews of policy given at permanency and adoptions councils and quarterlies.

Local/Branch Action Required: Local case workers will need to be familiar with sibling policy, although this policy largely reflects the current practice. Branches will consider initiating and maintaining sibling relationships for children when in their best interests.

Central Office Action Required: Overviews of policy given at permanency and adoptions councils and quarterlies.

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by: Citizen Review Board (CRB), Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), and child welfare field staff

Filing Instructions:

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