

References:	Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997, Pub. L. No. 105-89, 111 Stat. 2116 (1997); ORS 419B.325 to 419B.349; DHS Child Welfare Policy I-E.3, Placement Expectations; Independent Living Programs – OAR Transmittal Letter, I-B.2.3.5 http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual_1/i-b235tl.htm DHS Child Welfare Policy I-B.2.3.5, “Independent Living Programs,” OAR: 413-030-0400 to 413-040-0455; DHS Child Welfare Policy I-E.3.6, “Achieving Permanency,” OAR: 413-070-0500 to 413-070-0517; DHS Child Welfare Policy I-E.3.6.1, “Permanent Foster/Kinship Care,” OAR: 413-070-0700 to 413-070-0750; DHS Child Welfare Policy I-E.1.1, “Working with Relatives Toward Placement of Children,” OAR: 413-070-0060 to 413-070-0093; DHS Child Welfare Policy I-F.2, “Determining the Appropriateness of Adoption as a Permanency Plan for a Child,” OAR 413-110-0300 to 413-110-0360; DHS Child Welfare Policy I-B.3.2.1, “Substitute Care Placement Reviews,” OAR 413-040-0100 to 413-040-0170; and “Reasonable Efforts to Finalize a Permanency Plan for Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement” by Jennifer Renne.
Web Address:	http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual_1/i-e363.pdf

Discussion/Interpretation: The above-referenced rules are being adopted to: 1) clarify that Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA) is one of the five types of permanency plans for children placed in the Department’s legal custody for substitute care placement. APPLA is the least permanent of all permanency plans and must be used only when all other permanency plans have been ruled out; 2) clarify the categories of APPLA; 3) clarify what an APPLA permanency plan and the APPLA service plan must include; 4) clarify the review process the Department must follow if APPLA is the permanency plan; and 5) clarify what the caseworker must document in the family’s case record if APPLA is a permanency plan for a child.

Implementation/Transition Instructions: This is the final rule. A previous transmittal was sent on the draft rule on 6-15-06.

Training/Communication Plan: We are currently scheduling an interactive and joint training that will be presented by Child Welfare and CRB staff and teens will participate and share their experience. The training will take place in August, September and October and Child Welfare staff and partners, including the CRB, CASA and Court, will soon be getting notice.

Local/Branch Action Required: Local caseworkers will need to be familiar with this policy, although this policy largely reflects current best practice efforts.

Central Office Action Required: Statewide training is being developed. Overviews of policy will also be given at relevant quarterly meetings.

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by: Citizen Review Board, Judicial, JRP and child welfare staff

Filing Instructions:

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