

TFI Family Services, Inc. PROGRAM PROCEDURE	No. Hague Standard 96.50(d,e)
Section: International Adoption Subject: Post-Placement Disruption	
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Purpose

To establish general procedures to follow in the event of a post-placement disruption.

Procedure

In all situations in which counseling or other support services are unsuccessful in resolving a problem(s) with a child's adoption placement in the post-placement phase, a decision will be made as to whether continuing the placement is in the child's best interest. In making this decision, the child's views, in light of the child's age and maturity, will be considered, if appropriate. In situations where the child's or another person's safety is at risk, the child shall be removed from the home immediately.

Once the decision has been made, and approved by the Director of Program Expansion and Initiatives, that a disruption is in the child's best interest, the child will be removed from the post-placement home and placed in a licensed foster home pending identification of and placement in an another adoptive home.

The worker will prepare a disruption report suitable for sharing with required individuals/agencies and is responsible for obtaining immediate temporary care for the child. The Agency may utilize licensed foster homes to provide immediate temporary care for the child. Alternatively, the Agency may use supervised providers, existing State entities, or other resources available according to applicable Convention standards and State law.

A referral will simultaneously be made to the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) for subsequent care of the child and eventual adoptive placement.

The worker will be responsible for helping the child and the adoptive parent(s) cope with the disruption and ensure that transfer of the child is completed in a safe, secure manner that minimizes trauma to the child. It is the worker's responsibility to assist the family in telling the child about the move and to help answer the child's questions in a non-blaming manner.

The adoptive parent(s) will retain custody of and financial responsibility for the child until a change of custody is determined according to State law.

A child may, only as a last resort, if it is determined to be in the child's best interest, be returned to the child's country of origin, if the Central Authority of the country of origin and the Secretary have approved the return in writing.

The Agency will cooperate whenever possible according to applicable laws, regulations and Convention standards with SRS and its agents to support all efforts at finding an adoptive home for the child by providing background information on the child and other necessary information determined appropriate to the case.

The International Adoption Manager will be responsible for completing and submitting the required disruption reports and for notifying the Secretary and/or the Central Authority of the child's country of origin about any new prospective adoptive parent(s).

In any situation where the Agency's access to specific information about new prospective adoptive parent(s) is limited by privacy rules and regulations, the International Adoption Manager will communicate the information to which it has access, the reasons for missing information, and the contact information of the agencies/entities that have such information.