

Child and Family Services <b>PROGRAM STANDARDS MANUAL</b>	Section: 551	Effective: Oct 1/88 Revised: Dec 1/99	Page: 1
Subject: <b>ADOPTION BY PERSON WHO MARRIED CHILD'S PARENT</b>			

Division 6 of *The Adoption Act* provides that a person who marries the parent of a child or is a common-law partner of the parent of a child; may, together with that parent or alone but with the consent of that parent, apply to adopt the child. The child must be living with and cared for by the applicants.

### **STANDARDS**

#### **551.2 Service to court**

Upon a request by the court, an agency conducts an investigation and submits a report on the noncustodial parent, on the applicants, and any other matters requested by the court prior to the hearing date or as directed by the court. The report includes an assessment of the placement and agency recommendations concerning the application (see Section Appendix 551A).

#### **551.3 Certification by Director**

Upon receiving a notice of hearing, and **within 24 hours** of the hearing date, the Director provides certification that a withdrawal of consent has not been served under section 22(1) of the Act.

Recommended Outline

**Married parent adoption**

**Identifying information:**

Adoptive applicant(s)  
Address and telephone  
Child(ren)  
Opposing parent  
Referring solicitor

**Each child:**

Birthdate and place  
Physical description  
Medical information  
Developmental or psychosocial information  
School performance  
Relationships with adoptive family, opposing parent, siblings  
Attitude toward adoption  
Sources of information

**Each party:**

Birthdate and place  
Nationality, ethnic and racial origin  
Religion  
Health  
Education and training  
Employment and financial circumstances  
Hobbies and interests  
Personality  
Home and neighborhood  
Marital status and relationship  
Relationships with child(ren)  
Sources of information

**Particulars:**

Reasons for applying to adopt  
Reasons for contesting  
Visiting and access concerns

**Recommendations:**

Adoption/no adoption  
Special considerations

**Referring agency:**

**Compiled by:**

Social worker  
Supervisor

**Signed and approved by:**

Regional or executive director

This is my report pursuant to Division 6 of *The Adoption Act*  
Executive Director/Regional Manager