PATHWAY FOR CHILDREN INTO ADOPTION & PERMANENT CARE (A&PC)

**PERMANENT CARE**

**PROTECTIVE INTERVENTION**
by Department of Human Services (DHS)
(involving children with abuse or neglect in background)

CONSULTATIONS with Adoption & Permanent Care (A&PC) by Protective Services, DHS

**CASE PLAN FOR PERMANENT CARE**
by Protective Services, DHS

**REFERRAL** to A&PC for permanent care

**GUARDIANSHIP ORDER** to Department of Human Services obtained through Children’s Court

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**ADOPTION**

**REFERRAL** for counselling requested by parents re placement options for their child including adoption
(usually for infants and children with disability)

**COUNSELLING** provided to birth parent(s) by gazetted adoption worker from Adoption & Permanent Care (A&PC)

Child placed in pre-adoptive foster care through voluntary Child Care Agreement

**CONSENT to Adoption**
Signed by parent wishing to proceed with adoption - grants GUARDIANSHIP through the County Court to DHS or Principal Officer of Adoption agency (28 days withdrawal period)

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**Placement of Child**

Child is transferred to PERMANENT CARE PROGRAM for placement in situations where an adoption consent has been given but the child has disability or a complex background.

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**Placement of Child with Permanent Care/Adoptive family**

SUPPORT provided to the placement by A&PC program.

After about 2 years, LEGALIZATION of placement occurs through either a **PERMANENT CARE ORDER** (transfers guardianship & custody to new family) or an **ADOPTION ORDER** for those children who have a disability or complex background and whose parent(s) have consented to adoption.

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SUPPORT by A&PC can continue after legalization, as needed by families