

CWS3015W: ADOPTION ASSISTANCE
TOL- Transfer of Learning Guide for Supervisors

<p>Course Description</p>	<p>This one-day training is designed to provide family services workers with the knowledge, skills and abilities to discuss adoption assistance to move children towards permanency via the goal of adoption. This course focuses on determining eligibility for adoption assistance and the types of available assistance which may include funding made to adoptive parent(s) for daily care, payments for services related to the child's special needs, Medicaid, and funding to cover legal expenses related to finalizing the adoption.</p> <p>Topics include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand the purpose and philosophy of Virginia's adoption assistance program 2. Identify who can apply for adoption assistance 3. Define the two types of adoption assistance funding and Type of payments 4. Define Special Needs 5. Determine the pathways to eligibility and supporting documentation 6. Practice use of the Adoption Assistance Screening Tool 7. Identify forms necessary to complete the adoption assistance process 8. Define the responsible parties and the roles in the adoption assistance process
<p>Purpose</p>	<p>Please complete the following field practice activities to facilitate discussions with your worker about how adoption assistance supports permanency and well-being for children.</p>
<p>Field Practice Activities to Support the Application of Learning</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Have the worker share the info sheet and overview of Adoption Assistance and discuss the eligibility requirements (Handout 2) Completion date: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Have the worker complete a Virginia Adoption Assistance Screening tool for youth eligible for adoption and review the screening tool together during supervision. (Handout 3) Completion date: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Review the timeline for Adoption Assistance (Handout 5) graphic from Adoption Guidance released July 2019 to discuss time frames for the processes Completion date: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Have the worker review Guidance 2.11.3 to review the Negotiation process and the responsible parties and roles. Completion date: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Enter the appropriate type of agreement, type of payment, effective date, renewal ate, and any other key dates for all payments into the child welfare information systems so that the child and payments appear appropriately on the Adoptive Children's Report. If the worker does not have an adoption case to enter, review the OASIS instructions to enter adoption payments. Completion date: _____</p>

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Summary of Caseworker's Learning

This activity has been completed and reviewed with the worker.

Worker:	Date Completed
Supervisor:	Date Reviewed
<p>Supervisor Comments:</p> <p>After collaborating with your worker following the completion of CWS3015W, emphasize that adoption assistance facilitates safe, stable, and permanent lifelong families for children who have special needs and are unlikely to be adopted in a reasonable time without adoption assistance. Adoption Assistance provides necessary assistance to adopt and care for eligible children. Agreements are individually tailored to help address each child's unique special needs; while process for requests is equitable, fair, and consistent statewide.</p>	