Types of Foster Care

- Regular Foster Parents
- Legal Risk Adoptive Parents
- Adoptive Parents
- Resource Family
Regular Foster Parents

- It is usually emergency based.
- The main goal is to provide temporary care and not to adopt.
- The permanency plan goal is reunification with no concurrent plan of adoption.
The office Matcher chooses the family.

To work with birth families as a team towards reunification.

The Department will offer services and visits to the birth family while the foster parents care for the child in their home.
Legal Risk Adoptive Parents

- Previously known as “Pre-Adoptive” parents.

- It is not meant to be emergency based but sometimes it can be.

- The main goal is reunification with a concurrent plan of adoption.

- These parents provide regular foster care with a future goal of adoption.

- The legal risk parents have to complete a registration, be matched, be teamed and chosen for a child.
Legal Risk Adoptive Parents Continued…

- The legal risk parents also work with birth families as part of the team towards reunification even though they want to adopt.

- The Department has to make reasonable efforts to reunify the child with their birth parents.

- The Department will offer services and visits to the birth family while the legal risk parents care for the child in their home.

- If the parents do not rehabilitate and the parental rights are terminated, then the legal risk parents will have the opportunity to adopt the child.
Adoptive Parents

- The main goal is adoption.

- The parental rights have already been terminated and the child is legally free for adoption.

- The family has to complete a registration, be matched, be teamed and chosen for a child.

- There is no legal risk so the “pre-adoptive” parents provide foster care initially in order to develop a bond with the child, and until the adoption is filed and granted.
There are two main goals: 1) to provide foster care and 2) to be willing to adopt.

The main goal is reunification with a concurrent plan of adoption.

It prevents a child from moving to another home if the permanency plan changes from reunification to adoption.

The goal is to prevent multiple placements for a child because moving is not good for children.
Placements will most likely be emergency based as there is no time to do a teaming (but sometimes it may not be an emergency).

The office Matcher will choose the family.

The Department has to make reasonable efforts to reunify the child with their birth parents.

The Department will offer services and visits to the birth family.
The resource family will work with the birth parents as a team towards the plan of reunification.

If the parents do not rehabilitate and the parental rights are terminated, then the resource family will have the opportunity to adopt the child.

The resource family is similar to the legal risk adoptive family but with a little higher legal risk.

The resource family can register for the ARE (adoption exchange) or it doesn’t have to register at all.