MISSOURI ADOPTION SUBSIDY PROGRAM

The Goal of Adoption Subsidy—

In accordance with the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997, the Division of Family Services believes that every child has the right to a stable and permanent family. Adoption is the desired outcome for children who cannot be reunified with their families. Subsidy services are available to support families adopting children.

What is Adoption Subsidy?—

Subsidy is a collaborative agreement between the Division of Family Services staff and the adoptive family to meet the needs of the child. Financial, medical and support services are available to the adopting family through subsidy until the child is age 18, or in special circumstances, age 21.

Child Eligibility—

Children must have been in the custody of the Division of Family Services, Division of Youth Services, Department of Mental Health, or a licensed Child Placing Agency. This is the minimum requirement, other requirements also apply.

Basic Subsidy Services—

If the family adopting a child requests assistance, the following services are available:

Monthly maintenance at the current rate:

- Cash payments, which can not exceed the rate, which would have been paid if the child had remained in out of home care.

Medicaid:

- Payment for medical, dental or other care can be obtained from the Missouri MC+ program as a supplement to the adoptive families' private medical or dental insurance plan; and
- Will provide medical, dental or other care for the adoptive child in cases where no private medical or dental insurance exists.

Day Care Payment for Services:

- Available to working families.

Other Subsidy Services—

Additional services are available based on the individual needs of the child.

Support services:

- Treatment services;
- Crisis intervention;
- Respite;
- Rehabilitative services; and
- Other services as identified by the needs of the child.

Nonrecurring expenses:

- Items necessary to integrate the child into the home;
- Legal fees; and
- Special adaptive equipment.

This brochure is designed as a quick reference to provide some basic information about subsidy. Please contact your local Division of Family Services office for more information.

See Missouri children available for adoption on the Internet at:

www.dss.state.mo.us/dfs/adopt/plist.htm

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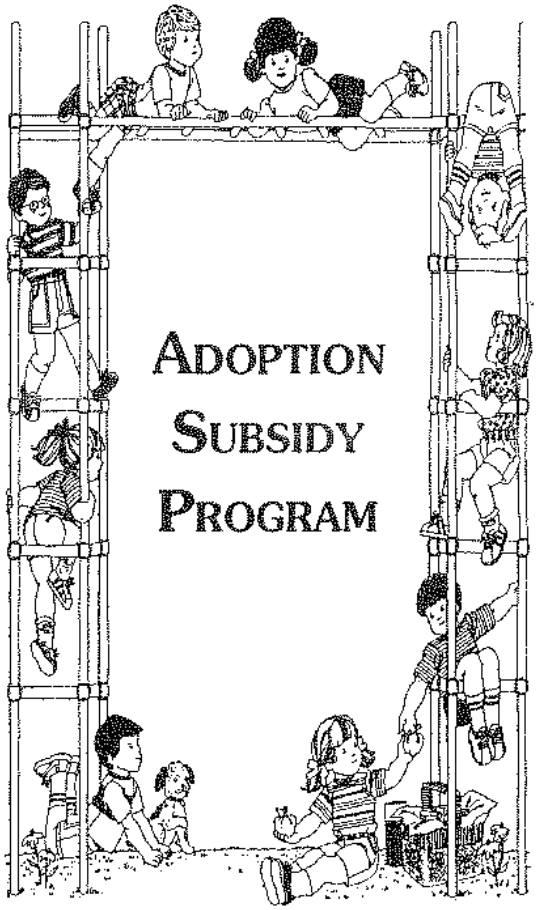

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