

Let it Be Us

INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR
FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION

Adoption Listing Service of Illinois

The Adoption Listing Service of Illinois at Let It Be Us Matches Youth with Subcare Pending TPR and Adoption Goals with Licensed, Prospective Adoptive Families.

We do this through:



**Comprehensive Database of
Licensed Prospective
Families from Illinois and
Nationwide**



**Strategic Management of
Listing Services:
Heart Gallery of Illinois,
AdoptUSKids Photo Listing**



**Professional Adoption
Recruiters, Additional
Outreach, and Priority-
Focused Recruitment
Efforts**

By registering youth with the Adoption Listing Service of Illinois at Let It Be Us, you are expanding their chances to find a loving, forever family. We work to ensure that every child is matched with a family that meets their needs and honors their individual strengths. We look forward to partnering with you to connect these children to the homes they deserve!

Cases to Refer to the Adoption Listing Service of Illinois at Let It Be Us

Workers are encouraged to register children on their caseload with the Adoption Listing Service with Let It Be Us when both of the below criteria are met:

1. The child has a goal of Substitute Care Pending Termination of Parental Rights or Adoption; and
2. The child needs an adoptive resource

How To Register Youth with the Adoption Listing Service of Illinois at Let It Be Us

Please submit the following 4-5 forms to dcfs.adoptionlistingservicesinquiryunit@illinois.gov and note that some require signatures from DCFS or Agency Representatives.

1. [ALS-1a](#)
2. [ALS-1](#)
3. [Adoption Listing Service of Illinois Child Registration Form](#)
4. [Adoption Listing Service of Illinois Release of Information Form*](#)

**If the youth has a court-ordered goal of adoption, form #5 must also be completed:*

5. [Adoption Listing Service of Illinois Photograph Consent Form**](#)

***If the child is 12 years of age or older, they also must sign form #4 (and form #5 if goal is adoption).*

Additionally, please submit a copy of a court order that contains the child's current permanency goal and, if they are currently in a foster home, a signed copy of the Permanency Commitment By Foster Parent/ Relative Form ([CFS 1443](#)) indicating that they do not wish to adopt the child.



**Scan Here to
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Forms**

***[Administrative Code Title 89 Part 309.40](#) and [DCFS Procedures 309.40](#)**

Overview of The Adoption Listing Service of Illinois at Let It Be Us Process

1. Caseworker successfully registers a child, teen, or sibling group and an Adoption Listing Service of Illinois Adoption Recruiter is assigned.
2. Recruiter visits youth, obtains information about their strengths/needs, attends CFTMs and Staffings, engages in active recruitment, and evaluates potential families.
3. Recruiter refers families who may be a good match to the child or teen's case management team.
4. Youth's case management team reviews information on family and determines whether to proceed with them as a potential match.
5. If team supports potential match, Adoption Recruiter coordinates Full Disclosure Meeting where information about youth is shared with family and case management team can obtain additional information about family.
6. Case management team and agency make all decisions regarding timing and frequency of visitation up to placement.

If a potential match falls through at any point in the process, Recruiter and case management team will discuss when the Adoption Listing Service of Illinois at Let it Be Us should restart actively recruiting for another family for the child.

When Should a Child NOT Be Listed with Adoption Listing Service of Illinois at Let It Be Us?

According to Part 309, children should not be listed when:

1. The current caregiver is uncertain about adopting the child;
2. Adoption is not an appropriate goal for the child; or
3. Listing is not in child's best interests.

Let It Be Us Adoption Listing Service Team

Please feel free to reach out to our team with any and all questions about the program!

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