



Administrative Policies and Procedures: 15.5

Subject:	Registering and Maintaining Status of Children with REACT (Resource Exchange for Adoptable Children in Tennessee)
Authority:	TCA 37-5-105, 37-5-112
Standards:	PA-AS 7.01, PA-AS 8.01-8.02
Application:	To All Department of Children's Services Permanency Specialist Staff and Tennessee Licensed Child Placing Agency Staff

Policy Statement:

All children who are in state guardianship or have the permanency goal of adoption must be registered and maintained in current status on REACT (Resource Exchange for Adoptable Children in Tennessee).

Purpose:

REACT is used to document the most current custody status of children who have an imminent goal of adoption or who are already in state guardianship. REACT data provides Permanency Specialists and Private Provider staff with information necessary to identify families who are most suitable to meet the needs of children who may need permanent families.

Procedures:

A. Registering Children	<p>Form, CS-0695, REACT Child Entry Information, must be completed by the DCS Family Service Worker, Permanency Specialist or Private Provider staff according to form instructions and when the following circumstances exist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The child is in the partial or full guardianship of DCS regardless of the permanency goal or placement plan; ◆ Termination of parental rights (TPR) has been initiated; <p>Termination of parental rights (TPR) is being considered and resources need to be identified to support adoptive planning.</p>
B. Reporting Status Changes	<p>Form, CS-0696, REACT Child Status Information, must be completed according to form instructions when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ There is change in the child's descriptive information;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ The goal for the child is changed;◆ The referral for termination of parental rights is filed with the court;◆ Full guardianship has been established;◆ A placement resource has been identified and placement is pending;◆ The adoptive placement agreement has been signed;◆ The adoption is finalized;◆ An adoption disrupts.
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Forms:	<u>CS-0695, Resource Exchange for Adoptable Children in Tennessee Child Entry Information</u> <u>CS-0696, Resource Exchange for Adoptable Children in Tennessee Child Status Information</u>
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Collateral Documents:	<i>None</i>
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