

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF HUMAN SERVICES**

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NAC 127.160 ~~Qualifications of employee or volunteer who provides services relating to adoption. (NRS 127.230)~~

~~—1. An employee or volunteer of a child-placing agency who provides any services relating to adoption must hold a current license issued by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS.~~

~~—2. As used in this section, the provision of “services relating to adoption” does not include the:~~

~~—(a) Provision of information only regarding the services provided by a child-placing agency.~~

~~—(b) Provision of clerical support or scheduling of appointments.~~

~~—(c) Transportation of biological parents.~~

~~—(d) Transportation of a child from a hospital to a foster home.~~

~~—(e) Fingerprinting of prospective adoptive parents.~~

~~—(Added to NAC by Div. of Child & Fam. Services, eff. 11-23-93)~~

NAC 127.165 **Qualifications of member of staff who handles individual cases relating to adoption.** (NRS 127.230) A member of the staff of a child-placing agency who handles individual cases relating to adoption must:

1. Have graduated from an accredited college or university.

~~—2. **Have at least 2 years’ experience in child welfare.**~~

3. Possess a license issued by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS or

4. Possess a degree in a related field and have one year of related experience.

(Added to NAC by Div. of Child & Fam. Services, eff. 11-23-93; A 5-14-96)

NAC 127.260 **Relinquishment of child for adoption.** (NRS 127.230)

1. Before a child-placing agency accepts from biological parents a relinquishment of a child for adoption, the agency shall comply with the requirements of NAC 127.245 and, if the agency determines that the child is not an Indian child:

(a) Discuss with the parents the alternatives for keeping the child, and determine that the parents are prepared to relinquish their rights and responsibilities regarding the child.

(b) Assist the parents in reaching a decision regarding the most favorable plan of action for both the parents and the child, and determine the services necessary to carry out that plan.

(c) If appropriate, inform the parents that rights of visitation may be granted to certain relatives pursuant to NRS 125C.050.

(d) Ensure that the parents have had ample time and received ample counseling to consider all the implications of their decision. A child-placing agency shall not accept such a relinquishment within 72 hours after the birth of the child.

(e) Ensure that the relinquishment is:

(1) Executed in the presence of and acknowledged before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths in this state; and

(2) Attested by at least two competent and disinterested witnesses, including at least one social worker *or a caseworker* employed by a child-placing agency or an agency which provides child welfare services, who subscribe their names to the relinquishment in the presence of the relinquishing parent.

(f) The child-placing agency shall arrange, if necessary, for the provision of:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this subparagraph, living accommodations until no later than 3 months after the birth of the child. The child-placing agency may arrange for the provision of living accommodations until no later than 5 months after the birth of the child if the biological parent has extenuating medical needs.

(2) Financial assistance, such as for food, clothing, rent and utilities, until no later than 3 months after the birth of the child.

(3) Medical care, including prenatal, obstetrical, hospital and dental care.

(4) Psychiatric and psychological services.

(5) Legal assistance.

2. A child-placing agency shall provide a relinquishing parent with a copy of his or her relinquishment of a child for adoption