

Adoption Listing Service of Illinois

The Adoption Listing Service of Illinois at Let It Be Us is contracted with DCFS to refer adoptive families for youth in need of permanent, loving homes across the state of Illinois (including teens and sibling sets).

We do this through:



Posting Children's Profiles
on Online Heart
Galleries/Photo Listings
([Heart Gallery of Illinois](#),
[AdoptUSKids Photo Listing](#))



Comprehensive and Unique
Database of Licensed
Prospective Adoptive
Families, Collaborating with
AdoptUSKids



Professional
Outreach &
Recruitment Efforts

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

According to [Administrative Code Title 89 Part 309.40](#) and [DCFS Procedures 309.40](#): Workers are mandated to list children, teens and sibling sets with the Adoption Listing Service with Let It Be Us when both of the below criteria are met:

1. The child needs an adoptive resource; and
2. A legal screening has determined that adoption is the appropriate permanency plan for the child*

** Workers may list a child even when their case does not pass legal screening or the State's Attorney's office will not pursue TPR due to the lack of an adoptive resource. (Youth with Goal of Substitute Care Pending TPR)*

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

There are 4-5 forms that must be completed and signed by the appropriate 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 #5 if goal is adoption).*



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

1. Caseworker registers child 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 sends information on families who may be a good match to caseworker.
4. Caseworker/child's team determine whether to proceed with a potential match.
5. Recruiter coordinates Full Disclosure Meeting and additional information about child is shared with family.
6. Caseworker and agency make all visitation/placement decisions.
7. Recruiter moves case to "monitoring" status until adoption is finalized .

If a potential match falls through at any point in the process, Recruiter and worker will discuss when to place the child back on active status with the Adoption Listing Service of Illinois at Let it Be Us.

Caseworkers Are Required to Keep Adoption Listing Service of Illinois Recruiters Updated

1. Caseworker must report all pertinent changes in child's status to the Adoption Listing Service of Illinois on a regular basis [DCFS Procedures 309.40(b)(6)], including:
 - a. Change in legal status, placement, agency, worker, permanency goal, school grade/classroom, relationship with siblings.
 - b. Recruiter will enter changes to the child's listing as appropriate (ex. hold calls).
2. Caseworker submits updated Adoption Listing Service of Illinois Child Registration Form annually; supervisor signs.

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/listing is not in child's best interests.
 - a. If it's not in the child's best interests to begin searching for a family because of a mental health condition, the Regional Administrator/CWCA Agency Director may, after a clinical staffing with the DCFS/CWCA Clinical Coordinator, approve a ALS Listing Waiver to this policy. The Waiver must be reviewed and re-approved every 6 months.

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