

## LCCS POLICY 751

### Simultaneous Approval of Applicants for Adoption and Foster Care

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<b>See new Policy #:</b>	

<b>Scope:</b>	This policy applies to prospective families interested in the combined Foster and Adoption Homestudy.
<b>Responsibility:</b>	Placement Department Manager
<b>Purpose:</b>	To reduce the bureaucracy involved in assessing a family multiple times, as they provide a continuum of support and care to children in need.
<b>Legal Cite:</b>	O.R.C. §§5103.03, 5153.16, 5153.161; O.A.C. 5101:2-5-13 (A)(4).

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### **POLICY STATEMENT**

LCCS will complete a simultaneous Foster/Adoptive Homestudy for interested and suitable applicants.

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### **PROCEDURE - including required timeframes and documentation**

Applicants have a right to request to be considered as both a Foster and Adoptive Care Provider.

Applicant must notify the Agency of their wish to be considered as both a Foster and Adoptive Care Provider.

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age to be considered as both a Foster and Adoptive Care Provider.

Placement/Licensing Supervisor will discuss the Foster Care and Adoption rules and the expectations of a dual approved home with the applicant.

The decision-making assessment will be a joint process involving the applicant and LCCS. It is designed to determine:

- whether adoption and/or foster care is a viable option for the applicant, and
- the characteristics of the children the applicant can best parent.

The combined homestudy will be initiated after the above mutual assessment of the applicant's suitability.

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## **CASE PRACTICE GUIDES**

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## **RELATED POLICIES and FORMS**

LCCS Policy 735 (Assessment and Training of Foster Families)

LCCS Policy 800 (Assessment, Training and Homestudy Process for Adoptive Families)