

**ADOPTION PROMOTION PROGRAM FUND  
FACT SHEET SFY 2018-2019**

**Key Differences Between SFY 17-18 and SFY 18-19 Adoption Promotion Program**

Element	Reason
A. Created clarity of roles of each adoption for the private agency and DSS agency to simplify service agreements.	To promote collaboration and eliminate disagreements over which agency should get credit for various joint milestones.
B. Revised the Adoption Services Agreement (ASA)	Current design only identifies services completed by placing agencies. There is no negotiation. Both agencies must sign, but only the private agencies submit.
C. Created two separate funding pools for private and county agencies.	To eliminate the feeling of competition for funding and put the focus on the goal of permanency.
D. Establish clear fee-for-service payment rates for private agencies.	Private agencies will be paid with specificity to the actual service they provide for each individual adoption.
E. Implemented the Federal Baseline Methodology	Federal baseline considers the current number of children in care, which the former baseline did not.
F. Reimbursement for County DSS agencies will be one end-of-year proportional payment.	In time, counties will see funding stabilize.
G. DSS-5320 Reimbursement Form is updated, and submission requirements have changed.	Counties must report adoptions completed quarterly, in Excel format, and via password protected email. This will allow for improved data tracking and a smoother process for end of year pay outs.
H. Eliminated requirement that county expend/encumber prior year's funding to participate. Affidavit of Expenditures is no longer required.	To assist with budget projections and give counties flexibility to accumulate funding levels to meet their individualized needs.

**Federal Baseline Methodology Example:**

	"In Care" only Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Baseline
Current Adoptions		9	2	6	
Prior Year in Care	103	101	108	83	
Adoption Rate		0.09	0.02	0.06	
Average Rate of 3 Prior Years to Earning Year				0.05	5

Data is used from the previous 4 fiscal years.

Determine your adoption rate by dividing the number of completed adoptions in one year by the number of youth in care the year prior.

Determine which adoption rate is lowest – the Year 3 adoption rate or the average of the past 3 years. Multiply the lowest adoption rate by the number of youth in care in Year 3 to determine your baseline for the current year.

## **Funding for SFY 2018-2019**

### **Private Agencies:**

Total budgets for SFY 2018-2019 contracts will be based on final 2017-2018 contract amounts. The total contract amount will be a combination of direct pay value (thru December 31, 2018) and the remaining contract budget. The effective date of the contracts will be January 1, 2019. For pending adoptions not finalized as of December 31, 2018, private child placing agencies will coordinate with child welfare agencies to transition to the Revised DSS-5113 Adoption Services Agreement to reflect the new service areas.

### **County Agencies**

To secure the use of funds that are set-aside for SFY 2018-2019, adjustments are being made to ensure payments can occur within the fiscal year timeframes. This means for SFY 2018-2019, counties will submit adoptions completed beginning July 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019. Beginning in SFY 2019-2020, agencies will submit adoptions for June 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020.

For SFY 2018-2019 county agencies will submit adoptions completed July 1, 2018 – November 30, 2018 by December 10<sup>th</sup>, followed by submissions on March 10<sup>th</sup>, and no later than June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

For pending adoptions not finalized as of December 31, 2018, that include private agency partnership, county child welfare agencies will coordinate with private child placing agencies to transition to the Revised DSS-5113 Adoption Services Agreement to reflect the new service areas.

### **Contracted Licensed Child Placing Agencies SFY 2018-2019**

Another Choice for Black Children

The Bair Foundation

Barium Springs dba Children's Hope Alliance

Boys and Girls Homes of NC

Children's Home Society

The Crossnore School and Children's Home

Easter Seals

Ebenezer Christian Children's Home

Falcon Children's Home & Family Services

Lutheran Family Services

Nazareth Child & Family Connection

Methodist Home for Children

Omni Visions

Seven Homes

**County Federal Baselines  
SFY 2018-2019**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>BASELINE</b>	<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>BASELINE</b>
Alamance	22	Johnston	11
Alexander	5	Jones	1
Alleghany	2	Lee	2
Anson	0	Lenoir	7
Ashe	5	Lincoln	5
Avery	6	Macon	11
Beaufort	19	Madison	6
Bertie	0	Martin	7
Bladen	0	McDowell	6
Brunswick	9	Mecklenburg	51
Buncombe	56	Mitchell	13
Burke	27	Montgomery	5
Cabarrus	8	Moore	4
Caldwell	45	Nash	0
Camden	0	New Hanover	52
Carteret	11	Northampton	2
Caswell	1	Onslow	8
Catawba	56	Orange	14
Chatham	2	Pamlico	1
Cherokee	5	Pasquotank	1
Chowan	0	Pender	5
Clay	0	Perquimans	0
Cleveland	12	Person	2
Columbus	11	Pitt	12
Craven	10	Polk	2
Cumberland	46	Randolph	27
Currituck	2	Richmond	3
Dare	1	Robeson	17
Davidson	27	Rockingham	21
Davie	5	Rowan	16
Duplin	4	Rutherford	12
Durham	34	Sampson	8
Edgecombe	4	Scotland	3
Forsyth	38	Stanly	3
Franklin	5	Stokes	21
Gaston	46	Surry	8
Gates	0	Swain	3
Graham	1	Transylvania	5
Granville	4	Tyrell	0
Greene	1	Union	9
Guilford	87	Vance	2
Halifax	1	Wake	85
Harnett	5	Warren	0
Haywood	14	Washington	0
Henderson	28	Watauga	10
Hertford	0	Wayne	17
Hoke	0	Wilkes	36
Hyde	0	Wilson	2
Iredell	24	Yadkin	13
Jackson	6	Yancey	1