

- (c) The State has determined that a reasonable, but unsuccessful, effort to place the child with appropriate parents without adoption subsidy has been made. The only exception to this requirement is when it would not be in the best interests of the child because of such factors as the existence of significant emotional ties with the prospective adoptive parent(s) while in the care of such parent(s) as a foster child.

This child has resided with foster parents and the child has significant emotional ties to the foster parents.

Date of placement with foster parents _____

- NO** – Child is not eligible for Title IV-E adoption assistance. (**Go to number 4.**)
- YES** – Continue to **number 3.**

3. FINANCIAL NEED

At the time the adoption petition is filed.

- (a) The child is eligible to receive SSI benefits; **or**
- (b) This is a subsequent adoption for the child and the child received Title IV-E adoption assistance in his/her previous adoption and the State has determined that the child continues to have special needs.
- No** – Child is not eligible for Title IV-E adoption assistance. (**Go to number 4.**)
- Yes** – Continue to **number 4.**

4. CHILD'S ELIGIBILITY

The child meets all the Title IV-E adoption assistance eligibility requirements.

- No** – Child is not eligible for Title IV-E adoption assistance.
- Yes** – Child has met all adoption assistance criteria listed above and is eligible for Title IV-E adoption assistance.

NOTE: DATE OF AGREEMENT

The Adoption Subsidy Agreement must be signed by all parties on or prior to the final decree of adoption. Agreements executed after finalization are not eligible for Title IV-E adoption assistance payments. One exception is where a fair hearing determines that adoption assistance was wrongfully denied.

Date of Adoption Assistance Agreement: _____

Date of final decree of adoption: _____

(The dates requested above are to be recorded as soon as available.)

Voluntary Agency Authorized Signature:

_____ **Date** _____