

Approvals Required for Permanent Plans for Children

Legal Permanent Plans	SCSW	ARA, RA or Division Chief
Reunification	Approval required	
Adoption with a Relative	Approval required	
Kin-Gap/Legal Guardianship with a Relative	Approval required	
Legal Guardianship (LG) with a Relative or Fictive Kin/Relative with open court jurisdiction	Approval required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regional ARA & RA approval required for court report and the Concurrent Planning Assessment (CPA) • Resource Family Support and Permanency Division ARA approval required for the CPA
Adoption with Non-Relative	Approval required	
Legal Guardianship with Non-Relative	Approval required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regional ARA & RA approval required for court report • Resource Family Support & Permanency Division ARA approval required for the CPA

Prior to making any of the below recommendations, every effort shall be made to achieve adoption or legal guardianship.

Legally-Permanent Plans	SCSW	ARA, RA or Division Chief
Fit and Willing Relative (Permanency option for all youth)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approval required for court report and CPA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regional ARA & RA approval required for court report and the CPA ▪ Resource Family Support and Permanency Division ARA approval required for the CPA
Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA) (Can only be used for youth age 16 and older and NMDs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approval required for court report and CPA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regional ARA & RA approval required for court report and CPA ▪ Resource Family Support and Permanency Division ARA approval required for the CPA