

ADOPTION/GROUP HOME/CHILD PLACING AGENCY/NONCUSTODIAL AGENCY

A “private **child placing agency** means any association...that is certified [by the Ohio department of human services] to accept temporary, permanent, or legal custody of children and place the children for either foster care or adoption.”

A “private **noncustodial agency** means any person, organization, association or society certified by the department of human services that does not accept temporary or permanent legal custody of children, that is privately operated in this state, and that does one or more of the following: (a) Receives and cares for children for two or more consecutive weeks; (b) Participates in the placement of children in family foster homes; (c) Provides adoption services in conjunction with a public children services agency or private child placing agency.” (Ohio Revised Code Section 2151.011)

Checklist

- For more information, consult the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 5103. The ORC can be found at your local library or on-line at <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc>

- Child placing agencies (adoption agencies) and noncustodial agencies (group homes/group foster homes) are regulated by the **Ohio Department of Job and Family Services**. For information about requirements and licensing, contact the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services District Office nearest to you or, call the **Adoption Coordinator at 1-866-886-3537 (option 4)**. Information is also on-line at <http://jfs.ohio.gov>.

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*For more help, contact your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at www.ohiosbdc.net
Also, remember to check Federal, State and local government agencies. This checklist is about state requirements.
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