

Guide for Sibling Split Request

A Sibling Split Request shall be submitted when it is determined by a child's permanency team it would be in his/her best interest to be permanently separated from his or her siblings who also have case plan goals of adoption, after all attempts to maintain the siblings together have proven unsuccessful. Things to consider are:

- Birth family information, including why the children were brought into care and the siblings' relationship in the birth family;
- Shared trauma history of the sibling group;
- History of out of home placement – when and why siblings were separated, attempts to place them together, sibling interactions and behavior management efforts when placed together;
- Therapeutic attempts (and their results) to address behaviors or needs which prevent siblings from being together;
- Short and long term impacts of siblings staying together or separated;
- Current sibling visitation/contact plans, and specific plans for maintaining contact if separated;
- Resource family information;
- Possible case plan goal changes, if appropriate.

Supporting documentation from other team members (i.e. input from the family members, therapist reports, letters from placement providers, etc.) should be submitted with the request.

Sibling Split Requests shall be forwarded to the CWCMP Sibling Split Request Review Team for approval.

