**Section 301.250 Sibling Visitation and Contact with Adopted Siblings and Siblings in Private Guardianship**

a) When one or more members of a sibling group is/are placed apart by the Department for adoption or subsidized guardianship, the Department shall encourage the adoptive parents/legal guardian to develop a Visitation and Contact Plan or Post-Permanency Sibling Contact Agreement to enable continued contact among all of the siblings.

b) The Department shall offer to assist the parties in developing the Plan or Agreement, provide services to the parties post-permanency to support them in implementing and maintaining agreements, and assist them in amending agreements as necessary to meet the needs of the children. A copy of the Plan or Agreement shall be placed in the adoption or guardianship record.

(Source: Added at 40 Ill. Reg. 666, effective December 31, 2015)