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STANDARDS

531.1 **Preplacement service goals**

Preplacement services are provided to help the child according to his/her age and capacity, to prevent identity problems or resolve them if they exist, and to enhance feelings of self-worth.

Preplacement services include determining the capacity and readiness of the child to accept a new parent.

531.2 **Results**

Preplacement services help the child with problems of anxiety of separation from his/her birth family and/or other caregivers and obtain for him/her the sanctions of the birth family or other caregivers to belong to another family and learn to love new parents.

531.3 **Professional knowledge required**

Workers assigned to prepare a child for adoption are familiar with separation and attachment, and child development theories.