

Child and Family Services <b>PROGRAM STANDARDS MANUAL</b>	Section: 576	Effective: Oct 1/88 Revised: Dec 1/99	Page: 1
Subject: <b>POST-ADOPTION REPATRIATION</b>			

Repatriation services are available to children who were placed for adoption outside Manitoba and whose adoption has disrupted after the granting of the adoption order. Repatriation services provide for the return of the child to Manitoba.

## STANDARDS

### 576.1 **Requests**

All requests for the repatriation of a child to Manitoba are made in writing and submitted to the Director.

### 576.2 **Repatriation assessment**

The Manitoba agency determines the needs of the child to be repatriated by obtaining complete documentation on the child. This documentation includes:

- Legal identification of the child;
- Records detailing the developmental history of the child supported by medical, dental, optical, aural, psychological and other assessment reports and records;
- Records of the child's placement history in sequence, identifying significant caretakers and important events and care programs; and
- A detailed description of the child which includes full physical description, personality and character traits, routines, diets.

### 576.3 **Treatment/placement plan**

The Manitoba agency, in conjunction with the out-of-province agency giving service to the child, completes a treatment/placement plan based on acceptable permanency planning criteria.

**576.4 Decision to repatriate**

The decision to repatriate is based on the assessment of the child and the treatment/placement plan, as well as the availability of resources in Manitoba or the jurisdiction where the child/adoptive parents reside.

**576.5 Resources**

When the plan is to repatriate, the Manitoba agency ensures that the necessary resources (foster home, group home, institution) and services are in place prior to the return of the child.

**576.6 Coordination**

The Manitoba agency co-ordinates the actual repatriation process through the Director.

**576.7 Preparation for return**

Prior to the child being returned to Manitoba, the Manitoba agency assures that the child receives preparation for the move. This includes appropriate transitional support and necessary cultural preparation for the child.

**576.8 Guardianship or supervision**

The Manitoba agency assumes guardianship or supervision of the child to be repatriated either through a court order or a transfer of supervision from the other jurisdiction.

**576.9 Post-return services**

On return of the child to Manitoba the responsible agency provides services as required under the Act for a child in care.

**576.10 Written notification of return**

The Manitoba agency responsible for the care of a repatriated child, gives written notice to the Director **within five working days** of the child's return to Manitoba.

### **PROCEDURES**

When an adoption disruption occurs and repatriation is to be considered for the child, the Director and/or the agency undertake the following:

1. The Director on receipt of information concerning an adoption disruption and request for repatriation from an out-of-province agency, refers the case in writing to the appropriate agency **within five working days**.
2. An agency, on receipt of information concerning an adoption disruption and request for repatriation from an out-of-province agency, must **within five working days** advise the Directorate of the request and direct the initial request to the Directorate.
3. On receipt of the written referral from the Director, the agency conducts a complete assessment of the situation which includes reviewing the circumstances of the child prior to the adoption placement; obtaining all documentation as outlined in Standard 576.2 regarding the present situation; and reviewing the resources available to the child on his/her return, including return to birth or extended family.

Once a decision to repatriate is made, the agency (in consultation with the local child welfare committee where the child has Treaty status) facilitates the repatriation process. This includes arranging for appropriate escort and reception services.

All plans and expenses for the repatriation of a child from a jurisdiction outside Manitoba must be cleared through the office of the Director.