

An “Adoptive Placement” occurs when a child is placed in a home with parent(s) who are planning to adopt the child. The purpose of an “Adoptive Placement” is to give the child and the family time to adjust to one another. “Adoptive Placement Disruption” describes when a child is removed from an adoptive placement (at the request of the child or the family) prior to the finalization of the adoption. SCDSS removes the child from the family and works with the child and the family to try to resolve the problems with the goal of returning the child to the adoptive family and finalizing the adoption for the child; however, sometimes the adoption plan is aborted. The national average for adoption disruption is 10-12%.

