

Several legal proceedings must be accomplished before a child is able to be adopted. The first step is that each parent who has a legal responsibility for and right to the child must have those rights terminated by a judge. After all parents have had their rights terminated by a judge, and all contested terminations have been upheld by the court, the judge can then declare the child Legally Free for adoption. Once the child is Legally Free, the child’s adoption by new parents can be finalized.

