

## Definitions of Terms Used in Adoption Reports

**SFY** = State Fiscal Year = July 1 of one year through June 30 of the next year (e.g. SFY 2014 = July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014)

**Finalized Adoption** = adoption that is legally completed in court and signed by a Judge

**TPR** = Termination of Parental Rights = the legal termination of all parental rights of a parent by a Judge; each legal parent must be TPRd individually

**Completion of All Parent TPRs** = the parental rights for ALL person(s) who previously held parental rights to the child have been terminated by a Judge

**Legally Free** = all legal processes to clear the way for the child to be adopted (including resolution of contested termination of parental rights) have been completed; the child is ready to be adopted

**CAPSS** = Child and Adult Protective Services System = the data system in which SCDSS maintains all records related to child and adult protective services, including investigations, family preservation services, foster care, adoption, adult treatment services, etc.

**County of Origin** = the county in which a child first entered foster care; the county which handles the child's legal proceedings

**Office of Case Management** = office which is responsible for managing the child's foster care services

**Finalized <24 Months** = the child's adoption was finalized within 24 months of the child's entering foster care

**IFCCS** = Intensive Foster Care and Clinical Services = offices which provide intensive case management, financial management, and/or contract support for foster children/youth who require therapeutic placement and/or services; these services are for children/youth who have

- Emotional or behavioral problems so severe they cannot function effectively at home or adjust in regular foster care.
- Severe medical problems requiring special support
- Severe developmental delays without serious behavioral or medical issues
- Autism or other developmental disorders
- Other intellectual disabilities without serious behavioral or medical issues