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Dear Children and Youth Administrator:

Please find enclosed House Bill 127, Printer's Number 2996, now known as Act 68 of 2005, signed by Governor Edward G. Rendell on November 16, 2005. Act 68, the Resource Family and Adoption Process Act, took effect on January 15, 2006.

The legislature recognizes and values the important service resource families provide to children in foster care. The Resource Family and Adoption Process Act makes certain that resource families are treated impartially during all stages of a child's placement, including their adoption. The primary goal of any placement of a child is permanency.

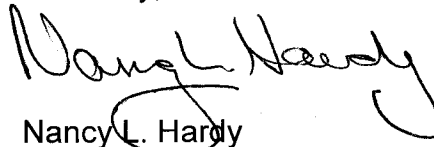
Act 68 of 2005 requires that a resource family be given an interview with the appropriate county or private agency when the following are met:

- The child's goal has been changed to adoption;
- The resource family is interested in becoming an adoptive resource; and
- The child has resided with that resource family for six months or more.

When more than one adoptive resource is available to a child, the county agency must document its reasons for placing the child with the selected adoptive parents in the child's case record. No resource family should be denied consideration because of the agencies inability to access that family as a resource family in the future.

If you have any questions regarding Act 68, please contact Kimberly Early, Human Services Program Specialist, 717-705-2908 or [kiearly@state.pa.us](mailto:kiearly@state.pa.us).

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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