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TIP SHEET

Special Needs Factor of Significant Emotional Attachment to Foster Parent

The special needs factor, having a significant emotional attachment to their foster parent, is not acceptable as a special needs for IV-E or TANF. When the only special needs factor is significant emotional attachment to the foster parent, the adoption subsidy must be state funded.

A child having a significant emotional attachment to their foster parent can only be used as a special needs factor for State/General Revenue Funding.

To document a child having a significant emotional attachment to their foster parent as the special needs factor:

1. Do not select any other Special Needs factor on the Background Tab of Adoption Information Page.
2. On General tab of Adoption Information Page, select "Foster Parent" as the Adoption Placement Type.

The criteria to meet this special needs factor is different from any of the other special needs factors listed in FSFN, thus it should not be documented in FSFN using any other special needs factor.

All other special needs factors should be ruled out prior to selecting, having a significant emotional attachment to a foster parent, as a primary factor.