

Reasons MEPA-IEP Was Initiated

- A growing number of children in foster care were waiting for adoptive homes for excessive periods of time.
- Children of color were over-represented in out-of-home care.
- IEP was initiated to eliminate discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin against prospective foster and adoptive parents as well as discrimination against children who are waiting for foster and/or adoptive placements.