

# Objectives/Goals of MEPA-IEP

- MEPA attempts to decrease the time children wait to be adopted.
- To prevent discrimination on the basis of race, color and/or national origin when making foster care and adoptive placements.
- To facilitate identification and recruitment of foster and adoptive families that can meet children's needs.
- IEP attempts to affirm and strengthen existing prohibitions against discrimination in foster care and adoption placements.
- To affirm prohibitions against routinely considering race, color or national origin when making foster care and/or adoption placement decisions.
- To affirm diligent recruitment efforts.