**67:14:32:16.  Children eligible for placement.** Children in or from South Dakota who are or can be made legally free for adoption are eligible for the adoption services of the department. The department may provide services to children from other states or countries upon completion of legal adoption by a family approved for placement by the department or a licensed child placement agency. A child shall be placed as quickly as possible when the child has been legally freed for adoption and when the child's needs indicate that the child can benefit by an adoptive placement.

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