

# Enforcement of Title VI and MEPA

## Examples of Violations

### OCR has found violations in cases where an agency:

- manipulated a data system to broaden the search for children/youth with respect to all characteristics but race, when children/youth meeting parents' requested characteristics were not available.
- adopted and implemented a policy that required workers to ask more questions or more detailed questions to families that were interested in transracial adoption as part of the home study process.
- matched a child/youth to prospective parents based on complexion.
- honored the request of a young child to be placed with a parent based on RCNO, even though the State law age to consent was significantly older than the age of the child.
- required prospective adoptive parents to attend a house of worship that had a different RCNO composition than the house of worship the family attended in order to adopt a child/youth.
- required prospective adoptive parents to subscribe to periodicals that workers believed reflected the child's RCNO.
- Generally subjected parents who were interested in transracial adoption to higher degrees of scrutiny.

