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Reality: The average waiting time with Lutheran Social Services of Montana is often less than one year.

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Reality: LSS-MT has not experienced any adoption revocations after finalization.

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