

Permanency Plan Desk Review

Required for Children in Out-of-Home Care 15/22 Months

Case Name:

Date of Initial Removal:

DCF Office:

Case Mgmt. Provider:

Date of Desk Review:

Assigned Case Mgr.

BACKGROUND: When a child has been removed from their home by order of the court, reasonable efforts to reintegrate the child must be documented and presented to the court. A plan for reintegration is not required in the following situations:

- A parent has been convicted of murder of any child;
- A parent has aided, abetted, attempted, conspired or solicited the murder of any child;
- A parent has been convicted of a felony battery that resulted in bodily injury to any child;
- A parent has subjected any child to abandonment, torture, chronic abuse, sexual abuse, or chronic life threatening neglect;
- Parental rights to any child have been involuntarily terminated; or
- The child has been in out-of-home placement for 15 of the last 22 months.

When a child has been in out of home placement 15 of the preceding 22 months, a review is required at the beginning of the 15th month. This form is intended to document this review.

The review does not replace the permanency hearing. The permanency hearing must be held within 12 months of out of home placement so should have preceded the desk review. The review verifies that the plan in place at the close of the permanency hearing remains in the child's best interest by documenting the compelling reasons for delay in permanency.

1. Case Plan Goal Reintegration:

Date of last permanency hearing?

Is child in a stable placement with a relative? Yes No

The reason documented in the case plan that reintegration is still viable. (Consider: age of child, need for connections to family, attachment to current family, realistic probability of accomplishing reintegration within reasonable time)

2. Case Plan Goal Adoption: (if reintegration is not viable)

PARENTAL RIGHTS TERMINATION PETITION MUST BE FILED at the earliest of:

- a.) Before the end of the 15th MONTH or
- b.) Within 30 days of court's determination reintegration not viable and adoption might be in the child's best interest.

Date of last permanency hearing?

Date motion filed to terminate parental rights:

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3. Case Plan Goal Permanent Custodianship: (if reintegration and adoption are not viable)

Date of last permanency hearing?

Date motion filed to appoint permanent custodian:

What is the compelling reason, documented in the case plan, reintegration or adoption is not in this child's best interest? (Consider: age of child, need for connections to family, attachment to current family, realistic probability of accomplishing adoption within child's minority, availability of suitable permanent guardian)

4. Case Plan Goal APPLA: (if other permanency goal is not viable)

Date of last permanency hearing?

Is child in a stable placement with a relative?

Yes No

What is the compelling reason, documented in the case plan, reintegration, adoption or permanent custodianship is not in this child's best interest? (Consider: age of child, need for connections to family, attachment to current family, realistic probability of accomplishing adoption or permanent custodianship within child's minority, cost to child of attempting either adoption or permanent custodianship)

What is the compelling reason documented in the case plan that this goal is in this child's best interest?

Signature of Person Completing Form: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Supervisor: _____ Date: _____

Submitted to DCF liaison this date: _____

Submitted to County/District Attorney this date: _____

