

PROBATION DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVE

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SUBJECT: SUITABLE PLACEMENT COURT REPORT TITLE IV-E RECOMMENDATION LANGUAGE

This Directive replaces Placement Coordinating Memo #1881, issued on June 15, 1998. To comply with Title IV-E federal guidelines for Foster Care reimbursement, effective immediately the following changes to the Recommendation Section of court reports must be implemented. The initial Pre-Permanency hearing must be scheduled for review six months after the date of the minor's removal from home (detention hearing) not from the dispositional hearing date.

DISPOSITION HEARING

- It is recommended that the matter be continued to the calendar of _____ (date shall be 6 months from date of detention hearing /removal), in Department _____ for a Pre-Permanency Hearing.

PRE-PERMANENCY HEARING/SIX MONTH CASE REVIEW
(6 Months from date of removal)

To comply with Title IV-E federal guidelines for Foster Care reimbursement, effective immediately, the Recommendation Section of the Pre-Permanency Hearing report must include the following statements:

- Minor's placement is necessary and appropriate.
- The Probation Department has complied with the case plan by making reasonable efforts to make it possible for the minor to safely return to the his/her home and to complete whatever steps are necessary to make it possible for the minor to safely return to the his/her home and to complete whatever steps are necessary to finalize the permanent placement of the minor.
- Minor's compliance with case plan has been _____.
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s) compliance with case plan has been _____.
- The likely date by which the court will adopt a permanency plan is _____. (This date shall be 12 months after the date of removal)

PERMANENCY HEARING/TWELVE MONTH CASE REVIEW
(12 MONTHS FROM DATE OF REMOVAL)

To comply with Title IV-E federal guidelines for Foster Care reimbursement, effective immediately, the Recommendation Section of the permanency hearing report must include the following statements:

- The minor's placement is necessary and appropriate.
- Probation has complied with the case plan by providing reasonable services.
- The extent of progress made on the part of mother/father has been _____.
- The extent of progress by the minor in meeting his/her treatment goals has been _____.
- The following permanent plan is appropriate: return home, adoption, legal guardianship, permanent placement with a fit and willing relative, planned permanent living arrangement, emancipation.

POST-PERMANENCY HEARING/EIGHTEENTH MONTH CASE REVIEW
(18 MONTHS FROM DATE OF REMOVAL)

To comply with Title IV-E federal guidelines for Foster Care reimbursement, effective immediately, the Recommendation Section of the post-permanency hearing report must include the following statements:

- The minor's placement is necessary and appropriate.
- Probation has complied with the case plan by providing reasonable services.
- The minor's progress in meeting his/her treatment goals has been _____.
- The following permanent plan is appropriate: return home, adoption, legal guardianship, permanent placement with a fit and willing relative, planned permanent living arrangement, emancipation.

For your information and review, a copy of the Permanency Findings Minute Order is attached. Questions regarding this memo may be directed to the Central Placement Unit at (562) 940-2834.

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