

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
FAMILY COURT**

In the Matter(s) of:

(Child's Name)

Case No. _____
Social File No. _____
X-Ref Number _____
Date of Birth _____

(Child's Name)

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Next Hearing Type/Date: _____
Associate/Magistrate Judge _____

DISPOSITION HEARING ORDER

This matter came before the Court on the ____ day of _____, 20____.
Mark individuals in attendance with check in box to the left of the name.

PARTIES AND COUNSEL

_____, Mother

_____, Mother's Counsel

_____, Father

_____, Father's Counsel

(child)

_____, Respondent

_____, GAL

_____, SW

_____, AAG

OTHER PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE

_____, _____
 _____, _____

_____, _____
 _____, _____

The prior order of this Court, dated _____, 20____, remains in effect and is incorporated by reference herein, except as specified below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

The child(ren) was/were removed on the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Predisposition Report

- A predisposition report was filed on the _____ day of _____, 20____ by the agency with case responsibility pursuant to D.C. Code §16-2319 and SCR-Neg. 20 and was considered by the Court.
- The Court hereby adopts and incorporates the Agency's Predisposition Report into the record.
- A predisposition report was not filed by the Agency, but shall be filed by the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Agency Case Plan

- The Agency case plan was filed on the _____ day of _____, 20_____.
- The Court hereby adopts and incorporates the Agency's case plan into the record.
- A case plan was not filed by the Agency, but shall be filed by the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Stipulation/Trial

- A Stipulation was entered into between the parties and accepted by the Court on the _____ day of _____, 20____, and is incorporated herein by reference.
- Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law were filed by the Court on the _____ day of _____, 20____, and are incorporated herein by reference.

Permanency hearing deadline

The **date of entry into foster care** is (select earlier date):

- 60 days from child(ren)'s removal from home, **or**
- date of adjudication _____, 20_____.

The first permanency hearing must be held by _____, 20____. (12 months from date of entry into foster care)

FAMILY INFORMATION

Birth Mother

Name _____
Date of birth ____/____/____
Date of death ____/____/____
 Current/ Last known address _____

- The Government shall initiate a search for the birth mother and file an affidavit by the _____ day of _____, 20____, regarding efforts to locate her and/or effectuate service.

Birth Father

Name _____

Date of birth ____/____/____

Date of death ____/____/____

Current/ Last known address _____

The Government shall initiate a search for the birth father and file an affidavit by the _____ day of _____, 20__, regarding efforts to locate him and/or effectuate service.

PATERNITY

Paternity of _____ was adjudicated on _____, 20__ .

An Affidavit Concerning Paternity has been received from: _____

An Affidavit of Denial of Paternity has been received from: _____

A paternity test was scheduled/completed:
For whom: _____ Date _____
Case number: _____ Result: _____

An order for a paternity test has been entered. See Attachment A.

Father has not been identified

Since the identity of the birth father remains at issue, the birth mother shall appear before this Court at the next hearing to address the issue and her failure to appear may result in her arrest (D.C. SCR-General Family Rule D)

OR

The birth mother has completed testimony stating she cannot identify Respondent's father or provide any identifying information.

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT NOTICE

Based upon the Court's inquiry of the parties, the respondent(s) _____

is/are

is/are not

subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. §1901, et seq.

(If the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. §1901, et seq. applies, attach ICWA disposition hearing order addendum.)

SAFETY OF THE CHILD AND CONTRARY TO WELFARE FINDING

Child(ren) Cannot Safely Return to the Home:

Based upon the evidence and representations presented **the Court finds that return to the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child(ren).**

AND

The reasons that the child(ren) cannot safely return to the home are:

- Physical/sexual abuse of the child(ren) or threatening conduct toward the child(ren)
- Neglect or maltreatment of the child(ren)
- Unexplained illness or injury
- Mental or physical impairment of the parent/caretaker, incarceration or hospitalization
- Other

Describe in detail what conditions currently exist that prevent each child's safe return to the home:

EFFORTS/SERVICES TO RETURN HOME AND REASONABLE EFFORTS FINDING

- The Court hereby incorporates by reference the reasonable efforts findings made at the initial hearing on _____ date.
- The Agency has made the following efforts since the initial hearing for the child to return safely to the home (**specify in detail**):

AND based upon the evidence presented at the hearing as described above, the Court finds that the Agency

- Has made reasonable efforts to make it possible for the child(ren) to return safely to the home.**

OR

- Has Not made reasonable efforts to make it possible for the child to return safely to the home, for the following reasons:**

REASONABLE EFFORTS NOT REQUIRED FOR AGGRAVATED CIRCUMSTANCES OR CRIMINAL CONDUCT UNDER 42 USC §671(a)(15)(D) AND D.C. CODE §4-1301.09a

The Government has presented sufficient evidence in support of a finding that no reasonable efforts are required to reunify the Respondent and his/her birth parent(s) based upon the following:

- Birth Mother
- Birth Father
- Other _____
- Subjected the child, a sibling of the child, or another child to cruelty, abandonment, torture, chronic abuse or sexual abuse;
- Committed the murder or voluntary manslaughter of a sibling of a child who is the subject of the petition, or another child or of any other member of the household of the parent;
- Aided, abetted, attempted, conspired or solicited to commit the murder or voluntary manslaughter of a sibling of a child who is the subject of the petition, or another child, or of any other member of the household of the parent;
- Committed an assault that constitutes a felony against the child who is the subject of a petition before the Family Division of the Superior Court, a sibling of such a child or another child;

OR

The parent(s)' parental rights have been terminated involuntarily with respect to a sibling on the ____ day of _____, 20____, in _____
(Name of Court)

Therefore, it is the finding of this Court that:

- Based upon information presented by the parties, the Court previously made a finding with respect to Reasonable Efforts to prevent the child(ren)'s removal from the home AND
- No Reasonable Efforts are required to be made to reunify the child(ren) with
 - Birth Mother Birth Father,
- THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that an expedited permanency hearing be set within 30 days of this date.**

PLACEMENT ORDER

- It is hereby **ORDERED** that the child(ren) shall be placed in:
- PROTECTIVE SUPERVISION (See Attachment B)**
The child(ren), _____ shall be placed under the **PROTECTIVE SUPERVISION** of _____, and the following conditions or restrictions shall apply:

- Based upon the evidence presented and representations made, the Court finds that placement under protective supervision as stated above will provide safe and appropriate care for the child(ren).**
- PRIVATE PLACEMENT (not foster home) (See Attachment C)**

The child(ren), _____ shall be placed in the home of _____, as a **PRIVATE PLACEMENT** and the following (name and relationship to child(ren)) conditions or restrictions shall apply:

Based upon the evidence presented and representations made, the Court finds that placement under private placement as stated above will provide safe and appropriate care for the child(ren).

COMMITMENT

The child(ren), _____, shall be **COMMITTED** to the custody, care and control of **The Child and Family Services Agency**, for a period not to exceed two (2) years and the following conditions or restrictions shall apply:

Child(ren) is/are placed in a: Kinship home _____ Child's name
 Foster home _____
 Group home _____
 Medical facility _____

Jurisdiction expires: _____.

DISPOSITION ORDER

The Court adopts the Agency's disposition recommendation **OR**

The Court ordered disposition differs from that recommended by the Agency as follows:

PERMANENCY GOALS

(Concurrent goals may be set until the first permanency hearing.)

- Reunification of _____ with _____
Date of Achievement _____
- Adoption of _____ with _____
Date of Achievement _____
- Guardianship of _____ with _____
Date of Achievement _____
- Custody of _____ with _____
Date of Achievement _____

EXCEPTIONS TO FOUR PERMANENCY GOALS ABOVE:

- Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement for _____ with:
 - A Relative _____
 - Foster Parent _____
 - Independent Living Program _____
 - Group Home _____
 - Other _____

Compelling Reasons eliminating other goals and justification that Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement is in the child(ren)'s best interests (specify in detail):

The date for achievement of the APPLA permanency goal is the child(ren)'s 21st birthday, unless otherwise noted.

SERVICES TO THE FAMILY, CARETAKER AND CHILD

The following services are required to be provided to the parties and the parties are required to participate in the following services to address the conditions that resulted in a neglect finding. See **Attachment A** for Services. There are ____ Attachment A's, one for each person to whom services are ordered.

Other Orders:

CASA APPOINTMENT

Is a request being made for the appointment of a Court Appointed Special Advocate at this hearing:

- Yes (a referral will be made to the Presiding Judge).
- No.

RELATIVE RESOURCES

It is hereby **ORDERED** that the parents shall provide detailed information concerning potential relative placements to the Agency no later than the ____ day of _____, 20____.

It is hereby **ORDERED**, that no later than the ____ day of _____, 20____, the Agency shall conduct a home study, conduct local records checks and child protection clearances on each adult resident in the home of:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

- ICPC application shall be initiated/completed by the _____ day of _____, 20____.
- Agency shall provide progress report on status of ICPC process within 30 days after the application is initiated/completed and every 30 days thereafter until approval or denial is received. **The first progress report shall be filed by the _____ day of _____, 20____.**

VISITATION

- Visitation between child(ren) and _____ shall be
- Supervised by _____
- Unsupervised

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- Supervised by _____
- Unsupervised

- Conditions of visitation:

(Parent(s) must comply with all of conditions. Failure to comply with conditions may result in modification of visitation order.)

- Visitation between _____ is **PROHIBITED** for the following reasons _____
- _____
- _____

- Visitation between siblings, _____ shall be

- Supervised by _____
- Unsupervised

- Visitation between siblings, _____ shall not occur until further order of this Court for the following reasons:

NEXT HEARING DATE

The Next Scheduled Court Event Will be:

- Review of Disposition Hearing
- Permanency Hearing
- Other _____

Next Hearing Date: ____/____/____

Time: _____ a.m./p.m. **Hearing duration:** _____ hour

Judge: _____

Place: Courtroom _____ of the Main Courthouse at 500 Indiana Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20001

DATE

ASSOCIATE JUDGE/MAGISTRATE JUDGE