

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

**In the Matter(s) of:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Child's Name)

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Social File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Child's Name)

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Social File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Child's Name)

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Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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Social File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Child's Name)

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Social File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Hearing Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**JUDGE** \_\_\_\_\_

**PERMANENCY HEARING ORDER**

This matter came before the Court on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_\_. The following are interested parties. (Individuals in attendance are marked in box to the left of the name.)

**INTERESTED PARTIES**

- \_\_\_\_\_, Mother
- \_\_\_\_\_, Father of \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_, Father of \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_, Father of \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_, ACC
- \_\_\_\_\_, SW
- \_\_\_\_\_, GAL
- \_\_\_\_\_, Mother's Counsel
- \_\_\_\_\_, Counsel for Father \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_, Counsel for Father \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_, Counsel for Father \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

The order of this court, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_, remains in effect and is incorporated by reference

herein, except as specified below.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

- The child(ren) was/were removed from the home on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.
- The child(ren) was/were returned home on \_\_\_\_\_.
- The child(ren) was/were not removed from the parent's home.
- The Respondent's date(s) of birth is/are \_\_\_\_\_.
- The agency report was not/was filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- The agency case plan was filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Court hereby incorporates the Agency report/case plan.

**THE RESPONDENT'S STATUS**

**The child(ren) is/are placed:**

- With a parent, \_\_\_\_\_, under Protective Supervision.
- With a non-relative under committed status.
- With a relative under committed status
- With a relative without commitment.
- With a non-relative without commitment.
- In a group home or independent living program under committed status.
- In a residential treatment facility.

**(If there is more than one child in the family and the children are in different placements, please specify by writing the name of the child after the placement option.)**

**STATUS OF THE PARENTS**

The **birth mother**, \_\_\_\_\_, resides at \_\_\_\_\_.

- The birth mother is/is not involved in the life of the child or in planning for permanency.
- Despite services provided to the birth mother, the child cannot safely return to the mother's care.
- The birth mother is deceased and the date of death was \_\_\_\_\_. A death certificate is included in the court record.

The **birth father**, \_\_\_\_\_, resides at \_\_\_\_\_.

- The birth father is/is not involved in the life of the child or in planning for permanency.
- Despite services provided to the birth father, the child cannot safely return to the father's care.
- The birth father is deceased and the date of death was \_\_\_\_\_. A death certificate is included

- in the court record.
- The birth father has not been identified.
- The birth mother has completed testimony stating that she cannot identify the father or provide any identifying information.
- An affidavit of Denial of Knowledge of Paternity has been received from \_\_\_\_\_.
- 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 OR file an Affidavit of Denial of Knowledge of Paternity by the next hearing.
- A Paternity Test has been ordered for: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Test: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**DILIGENT SEARCH REQUIRED**

- The Agency's Diligent Search Unit shall initiate a search for the **birth mother** and file an affidavit by the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_ regarding efforts to locate her.
- The Agency's Diligent Search Unit shall initiate a search for the **birth father**, \_\_\_\_\_, and file an affidavit by the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_ regarding efforts to locate him.

**TPR STATUS**

**A TPR IS NEEDED IN THIS CASE BECAUSE:**

- Child has been in foster care for 15 months out of the most recent 22 months.
- No reasonable efforts are required to reunify with parent(s).
- The goal has been changed to adoption.
- Child has been adjudicated abandoned.
- Court of competent jurisdiction has determined that the parent(s) committed

\_\_\_\_\_  
(crime)

**A TPR IS NOT REQUIRED IN THIS CASE BECAUSE:**

- The child is placed with a parent or other relative.
- The relationship between the child and the birth mother/father is strong and it would be contrary to the child's best interest to terminate the parental relationship. Furthermore, the parent(s) is/are making substantial steps toward reunification.
- An Adoption Petition was filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- The responsible agency has not provided the child's family the services deemed necessary to return the child safely home (**specify in detail**):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Additional Compelling reasons:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

**REASONABLE EFFORTS AND CONTRARY TO WELFARE FINDINGS**

The Court concludes that the Agency has made **Reasonable Efforts towards reunification** identified by the following (**specify in detail**):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**(Reasonable Efforts toward Reunification to be used at the First Permanency Hearing only)**

The Court further concludes that the Agency has made **Reasonable Efforts to achieve the permanency goal of \_\_\_\_\_**, identified by the following (**specify in detail**):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The Court further concludes that the Agency has **NOT made Reasonable Efforts to achieve the permanency goal of \_\_\_\_\_**, in that the Agency has failed to (**specify in detail**):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**ORDERED**, that the Agency shall achieve the following no later than the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_\_\_ at which time the Court will reconsider the issue of whether the Agency has made Reasonable Efforts to Achieve Permanency Goal:

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The Court further concludes that it would be **contrary to the welfare of the child(ren)** to be returned home at this time because:

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**PERMANENCY GOAL**

**The permanency goal is:**

- Reunification with \_\_\_\_\_
- Adoption by \_\_\_\_\_
- Custody with \_\_\_\_\_
- Guardianship with \_\_\_\_\_

**EXCEPTIONS TO FOUR PERMANENCY GOALS ABOVE:**

- Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement with:
  - A Relative \_\_\_\_\_
  - Foster Parent \_\_\_\_\_
  - Independent Living Program \_\_\_\_\_
  - Group Home \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons for Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement are (specify in detail):**

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The permanency goal is to be **achieved by** \_\_\_\_\_.

**If the goal is being changed at this Permanency Hearing, please provide the following information:**

New Permanency Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

Compelling Reasons for New Permanency Goal:

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The Court has found compelling reasons to exempt the Respondent from the four permanency goals (reunification, adoption, guardianship, custody) and has entered an Alternate Planned Permanent Living Arrangement which is \_\_\_\_\_. The compelling reasons that support this Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement are:

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**ORDERS**

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**SERVICES TO THE FAMILY, CARETAKER & CHILD**

See Attachment A for Services. There are \_\_\_\_ attachment A's, one for each person to whom services are ordered.

Prior order for services remains in effect **except:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**PLACEMENT/LEGAL STATUS**

**ORDERED** that the current placement(s) and/or commitment(s) shall continue until Further Order of the Court.

**ORDERED** that the child(ren)'s placement shall be changed as follows:

**PROTECTIVE SUPERVISION** (See attachment B)

- **ORDERED** that the child(ren), \_\_\_\_\_ shall be placed under the **PROTECTIVE SUPERVISION** of \_\_\_\_\_, and the following conditions or restrictions shall apply:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PRIVATE PLACEMENT** (not foster home)(See attachment C)

- **ORDERED** that the child(ren), \_\_\_\_\_ shall be placed in the home of \_\_\_\_\_, as a **PRIVATE PLACEMENT** and the following conditions or restrictions shall apply:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following **reasonable efforts** were made to prevent the removal:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**COMMITMENT**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following **reasonable efforts** were made to prevent the removal:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL, PSYCHIATRIC, OR TREATMENT FACILITY, pursuant to**

§ 16-2315

§ 16-2320(a)(4)

- **ORDERED** that the child, \_\_\_\_\_, shall be placed in \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ **FACILITY** for treatment of: \_\_\_\_\_

**INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN (ICPC) STATUS**

The Agency shall complete the following to facilitate the completion of the Placement:

ICPC has been completed, \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_.

ICPC referral shall be submitted to the receiving state by \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_.

Other

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The current status of the ICPC is as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**VISITATION**

Visitation between child(ren) and \_\_\_\_\_ shall be



- Supervised by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Unsupervised

- Visitation between child(ren) and \_\_\_\_\_ shall be
  - 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 is **PROHIBITED** for the following reasons:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**JURISDICTION**

- Jurisdiction expires:** \_\_\_\_\_.

- ORDERED**, that jurisdiction in this matter is extended to

\_\_\_\_\_.

**(date)**

**NEXT HEARING DATE**

- ORDERED**, that all parties shall appear for the **Permanency Hearing** on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m. in Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_, D.C. Superior Court, 500 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001.

- ORDERED**, that all parties shall appear for a \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m. in Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_, D.C. Superior Court, 500 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001.

- ORDERED** that this case be, and hereby is, **DISMISSED AFTER ADJUDICATION** because all services have been rendered and the child(ren) is/are safely and permanently placed. The conditions of neglect have been ameliorated.

\_\_\_\_\_

**DATE**

**ASSOCIATE JUDGE/MAGISTRATE JUDGE**