

**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)

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

(Child's Name)

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Date of Birth _____

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

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

PERMANENCY 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

<input type="checkbox"/> _____, Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> _____, Mother's Counsel
<input type="checkbox"/> _____, Father	<input type="checkbox"/> _____, Father's Counsel
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ (child)	
<input type="checkbox"/> _____, Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> _____, GAL
<input type="checkbox"/> _____, SW	<input type="checkbox"/> _____, AAG

OTHER PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE

<input type="checkbox"/> _____, _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____, _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____, _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____, _____

The 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 from the home as follows:
_____ was removed on _____;
_____ was removed on _____;
- The child(ren) was/were returned home as follows:
_____ returned on _____;
_____ returned on _____;
- The child(ren) _____ was/were not removed.
- 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 currently placed as follows:

- Under Protective Supervision with a parent, _____.
- In Private Placement with a relative, _____.
- In Private Placement with a non-relative, _____.
- Under COMMITMENT
- with a non-relative, _____.
 - with a relative, _____.
 - in a group home or independent living program, _____.
 - 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 each child after the placement option.)

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 permanency hearing order addendum.)

STATUS OF THE PARENTS

The **birth mother**, _____, resides at
_____.

- The birth mother is/is not involved in the life of the child(ren) or in planning for permanency.
- Despite services provided to the birth mother, the child(ren) 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(ren) or in planning for permanency.
- Despite services provided to the birth father, the child(ren) 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 _____, 20__ 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 _____, 20__ regarding efforts to locate him.

TPR STATUS

The Agency recommends that:

A TPR IS NEEDED IN _____ CASE BECAUSE:
(specify child by name)

- _____ has been in foster care for 15 months out of the most recent 22 months.
- _____ has been subject to intentional and severe mental abuse.
- The permanency goal for _____ has been changed to adoption.
- _____ has been adjudicated abandoned.
- Court of competent jurisdiction has determined that the parent(s) committed the crime of _____

The government/agency has indicated that a Motion to TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS will be filed by the _____ day of _____, 20__.

A Motion to TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS was filed on the _____ day of _____, 20__ and its current status is _____

OR

A TPR IS NOT REQUIRED IN THIS CASE BECAUSE:

- _____ is/are placed with a parent or other relative.
- The relationship between the _____ and the birth mother/father is strong and it would be contrary to his/her best interest to terminate the parental relationship. Furthermore, the parent(s) is/are making substantial steps toward reunification.
- An Adoption Petition for _____ 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: _____

**REASONABLE EFFORTS OF THE AGENCY TO ACHIEVE PERMANENCY AND
CONTRARY TO WELFARE FINDINGS**

The Court concludes that the Agency Has Has Not made Reasonable Efforts to achieve the goal of reunification or _____, as described by the following (**specify efforts in detail for each child**):

ORDERED, that the Agency shall make the following efforts/provide the following services no later than the ____ day of _____, 20____ at which time the Court will reconsider the issue of whether the Agency has made Reasonable Efforts to Achieve the Permanency Goal:

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

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

Progress has has not been made by _____ toward achievement of the permanency plan/goal as demonstrated by the following:

THEREFORE, it is hereby,

ORDERED that the Permanency Goal(s) _____ set at the hearing held on the ____ day of _____, 20____ shall continue until Further Order of the Court.

The Date of Achievement for the permanency goal(s) _____ set at the hearing held on the ____ day of _____, 20____ shall continue until Further Order of the Court, or shall be extended to _____.

OR

ORDERED that the Permanency Goal(s) shall be changed to the following:

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

Reasons for change from reunification or adoption to guardianship or legal custody and reasons why that goal is in the child(ren)'s best interests (specify in detail for each child):

Exception to the 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 for each child):

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

ORDERS

SERVICES TO THE FAMILY, CARETAKER AND CHILD(REN)

The following services are required to be provided to the parties and the parties are required to participate in the following services in order to achieve the permanency goal ordered herein. 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.

It is hereby ORDERED that the child(ren)'s placement shall be changed as follows to:

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) 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 care, custody 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:

Jurisdiction expires: _____.
ORDERED, that jurisdiction in this matter is extended to _____.
(date)

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Based upon the Educational Checklist for Judicial Officers, an inquiry has been made into the child(ren)'s educational placement and the child(ren)'s educational needs and strengths.

- Yes
 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. _____

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.

INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN (ICPC) STATUS

- 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____.**

- The current status of the **ICPC** application/process 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 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:

PARTY STATUS

The Court hereby Orders that party status be conferred upon _____ in accordance with D.C. Code §16-2304.

NEXT HEARING DATE

ORDERED, that all parties shall appear for a _____ hour **Permanency Hearing** on the ____ day of _____, 20__ 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 _____ hour _____ **hearing** on the ____ day of _____, 20__ 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