

Rule 28. Review of Disposition and Placement

(a) Notice and hearing. A review hearing shall be held to review case progress at least once every six months following disposition for as long as the child remains in an out-of-home placement unless the child has received a permanency hearing within the past six months. At least 15 days prior to the hearing, the Clerk shall mail, fax or deliver copies of the notice to all parties and attorneys of record stating the time and place of the hearing.

(b) Review reports. At least 10 days prior to a scheduled review hearing, the agency with case responsibility shall file in the official court record in the Family Court Clerk's Office a report in accordance with Rule 29. At the time the report is filed with the Court, the agency with case responsibility shall mail, fax or deliver copies of the report to all attorneys of record and shall deliver a copy to the chambers of the responsible judicial officer.

(c) Guardian ad litem and other attorney reports. The child's guardian ad litem or counsel for the child may submit a written report setting forth the factual results of the guardian's or counsel's independent investigation and conclusions as to what action should be taken in the child's best interests. Other counsel may submit reports as they deem necessary. These reports shall be filed in the Family Court Clerk's Office and placed in the official court record of the case at least five days prior to the hearing. At the time the report is filed with the Court, the report writer shall mail, fax or deliver copies to all attorneys of record and shall deliver a copy to the chambers of the responsible judicial officer.

(d) Advance submission of reports from professionals. Any written reports that any agency other than that with case responsibility or any other party may wish to have admitted into evidence without calling the author/preparer of the report as a witness must be mailed, faxed or delivered to all parties at least five days prior to the review hearing. Information on the name, address and telephone number of the author/preparer of a report to be submitted into evidence must be provided so that he or she may be subpoenaed and cross-examined if a party wishes to do so.