

CRB REVIEW BY THE FINDINGS GUIDE

We are reviewing the case of: *(Child(ren)'s Name(s) and Age(s))*

The child(ren) was (were) placed in substitute care on: *(Date Removed from Home)*

Jurisdiction was established on: *(Date Jurisdiction Established/Date of Judgment)*

Jurisdiction was based on: *(Basis of Jurisdiction/Allegations of Petition)*

ICWA: *(does/ does not apply or is pending in this case)*

The permanency plan is:

The concurrent plan is:

“We will first address placement efforts.”

- 1. DHS has made reasonable efforts to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child from the home.** *(Active efforts if ICWA applies).*
This finding applies if this is the FIRST review of the case.
 - What efforts, if any, did DHS make to avoid placement?
 - Was a protective action plan/ safety plan developed?
 - Was this case considered imminent danger?
- 2. DHS has made diligent efforts to place the child with a relative or a person who has a caregiver relationship.**
This finding applies in ALL cases unless court has relieved DHS.
 - Is the child placed with a relative? When was the child placed?
 - How long has the child been placed in the home?
 - What is the status of the maternal and paternal relative searches?

“We will now address services to the child.”

- 3. DHS has ensured that appropriate services are in place to safeguard the child's safety, health and well being.**
This finding applies in ALL cases.
 - Determine services being provided by DHS to address the needs of the child.
 - Determine appropriateness of placement.

“We will now address efforts the agency has made toward the permanency plan.”

- 4. DHS made reasonable efforts to provide services to make it possible for the child (children) to safely return home.** *(Active efforts if ICWA applies).*
This finding applies if the goal is RETURN TO PARENT.
 - What services has DHS provided or offered to the family?
 - Do the services address basis for jurisdiction?
 - Are there current Action Agreements in place?

5. **DHS made reasonable efforts in accordance with the case plan to place the child in a timely manner and to complete the steps necessary to finalize the permanent placement, including an interstate placement if appropriate.**

This finding applies if the CONCURRENT goal has been implemented.

- What efforts is DHS making to accomplish the stated goal?
- When was the goal court ordered and implemented by DHS?
- If applicable, when was the ICPC initiated and what is the status?

“We will now address progress and compliance issues.”

6. **The parents have made sufficient progress to make it possible for the child to safely return home.**

This finding applies only when the plan is RETURN TO PARENT.

- Determine each parent’s progress in addressing the jurisdictional issues within ASFA timelines.

7. **DHS has made sufficient efforts in developing the concurrent permanency plan.**

This finding applies only when the plan is “RETURN TO PARENT”.

- Identify the concurrent plan and possible resources.
- Determine the status of the maternal and paternal relative search.

8. **DHS is in compliance with the case plan and court orders.**

This finding applies in ALL cases.

If reasonable/active efforts finding is “no”, then DHS compliance is “no”.

- Determine whether face-to-face contacts have been conducted per DHS policy.
- Determine whether court orders and previous CRB recommendations were implemented.

“We will now address the appropriateness of the plan.”

9. **The permanency plan is the most appropriate plan for the child.**

This finding applies in ALL cases.

- Determine if there any significant concerns that may be a barrier to reunification.
- Consider amount of time child has been in care and level of progress by parents.
- Is there a more permanent plan that can be implemented?

10. **There is a continuing need for placement.**

This finding applies in ALL cases.

- What is the achievement date/likely date to leave care?
- Can the child safely return home?

Additional Findings:

Recommendations: