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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Finding 1</b><br/><b>PLACEMENT EFFORTS</b><br/><b>(First Review Only)</b></p> <p>Has DHS made reasonable/active efforts to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child from the home. Covers what DHS did before placing the child?</p> <p><b>QUESTIONS.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Was there a family resource that could have assisted with eliminating the need for removal?</li> <li>2. Determine whether others could have left the home in order to keep the children safe.</li> <li>3. Did DHS provide appropriate services to the child and each parent to allow the child to safely remain in the home?</li> <li>4. Did DHS make efforts to provide needed services (transportation, financial assistance, treatment, programs, etc.)?</li> <li>5. If ICWA, did DHS consult with the tribe?</li> </ol> <p><b>FINDINGS.</b><br/><b>Yes</b>, if DHS made reasonable/active efforts to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child.<br/><b>No</b>, if DHS made no efforts and the child was not in imminent danger or if DHS' efforts were not reasonable or active if ICWA.<br/><b>N/A</b>, if this is NOT the first review.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Finding 2</b><br/><b>PLACEMENT EFFORTS</b><br/><b>(Every Review)</b></p> <p>Has DHS made diligent efforts to place the child with a relative or person who has a caregiver relationship? Efforts must begin on day child placed into foster care?</p> <p><b>QUESTIONS.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the status of the relative search?</li> <li>2. What efforts have been made to place the child with a relative, siblings or caregiver?</li> <li>3. Do services need to be provided in order for them to be considered a resource?</li> <li>4. Confirm where the child is placed, and in particular, if it's a relative or non-relative placement.</li> <li>5. Ask about siblings being placed together.</li> <li>6. If ICWA, efforts to identify tribal leaders to assist in the search for relatives?</li> </ol> <p><b>FINDINGS.</b><br/><b>Yes</b>, if child is placed with a relative or if DHS made diligent efforts to place the child with a relative or person with a caregiver relationship.<br/><b>No</b>, if DHS made no efforts, or if the efforts were not diligent.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Finding 3</b><br/><b>SERVICES TO THE CHILD</b><br/><b>(Every Review)</b></p> <p>Has DHS ensured that appropriate services are in place to safeguard the child's safety, health and wellbeing? Summary of services for <b>EACH CHILD.</b></p> <p><b>QUESTIONS.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Was a well child and dental assessment completed in the first 30 days of entering care, and once a year thereafter?</li> <li>2. Was a mental health assessment, or developmental evaluation (for young children), completed within 60 days of entering care?</li> <li>3. Are there appropriate educational and developmental services in place?</li> <li>4. Have recommendations from evaluations been completed?</li> <li>5. Is the parent/child visitation plan appropriate?</li> </ol> <p><b>If a youth is age 14 and up:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. On track to graduate?</li> <li>7. If APPLA, referral to ILP? T2 completed?</li> </ol> <p><b>If a youth is age 16 and up:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Referral to ILP? T2 completed?</li> <li>9. Benchmark review at age 17 ½?</li> </ol> <p><b>FINDINGS.</b><br/><b>Yes</b>, if services are in place to meet the needs of the child.<br/><b>No</b>, if services are not in place.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Findings 4</b><br/><b>PERMANENCY</b><br/><b>(Only when Return to Parent)</b></p> <p>Has DHS made reasonable/active efforts to provide services for the child to safely return home? What has DHS done to help parents work toward reunification?</p> <p><b>QUESTIONS.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have conditions of return been developed and communicated to the parent?</li> <li>2. Has DHS communicated to the parent the service expectations through an Action Agreement, Letter of Expectation, or some other method?</li> <li>3. Do the services offered reflect the basis for jurisdiction?</li> <li>4. Are services that were recommended by evaluations being provided to parents?</li> <li>5. Are barriers to services being addressed?</li> <li>6. Absent parent search if applies?</li> <li>7. If parent lives in another country, is DHS working with the country's consulate and child welfare system to provide services?</li> </ol> <p><b>FINDINGS.</b><br/><b>Yes</b>, if DHS made reasonable/active efforts to provide services to make it possible for the child to safely return home.<br/><b>No</b>, if DHS made no efforts or did not make reasonable/ active efforts.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Finding 5</b><br/><b>PERMANENCY</b><br/><b>(Only if plan is NOT Return to Parent)</b></p> <p>Has 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 plan?</p> <p><b>QUESTIONS.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What specific steps have been taken to finalize the court approved permanency plan?</li> <li>2. If <b>Adoption</b>, relative search complete? Recruitment efforts? Progress of adoption home study? Designation of placement? Adoption assistance?</li> <li>3. Have parents relinquished their parental rights? If not, what is the status of the Legal Assistance Referral (LAR), and the date of the TPR trial?</li> <li>4. Is DHS in compliance with adoption timelines (Adoption within 24 months of entry).</li> <li>5. Are transition services in place (visitation, medical cards, etc.).</li> <li>6. If <b>APPLA Permanent Foster Care</b>, is there a Permanent Foster Care Agreement?</li> <li>7. For <b>Guardianship</b>, ask about status of guardianship and home study.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Revised 1/8/15</i></p> |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Finding 6</b><br/><b>PROGRESS AND COMPLIANCE</b><br/><b>(Only Return to Parent)</b></p> <p>Have the parents have made sufficient progress to make it possible for the child to safely return home? Make this finding for <b>EACH PARENT.</b></p> <p><b>QUESTIONS.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the remaining barriers and safety issues that would prevent the child from returning home?</li> <li>2. Is the parent making progress on the issues set forth in the basis of jurisdiction within the ASFA timeline?</li> <li>3. Have the parents made measurable change?</li> <li>4. Are parents able to verbalize what they need to do or stop doing to have their children returned home?</li> </ol> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Sufficient progress does not mean the child can immediately return home. It is determined by parental improvement for the child to safely return home within ASFA timelines (In care 15 of 22 months).</p> <p><b>FINDINGS.</b><br/><b>Yes,</b> if a parent has made sufficient progress on the actions outlined.<br/><b>No,</b> if not sufficient progress for return home.<br/><b>N/A,</b> if plan is not return to parent.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Finding 7</b><br/><b>CONCURRENT PLAN</b><br/><b>(Only Return to Parent)</b></p> <p>Has DHS has made sufficient efforts in developing the concurrent plan?</p> <p><b>QUESTIONS.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Status of ongoing relative search and engagement?</li> <li>2. Has an ICPC request been made for out of state resources?</li> <li>3. If relatives are in another country, have the relatives and the consulate been notified?</li> <li>4. Have financial and legal considerations been discussed with identified resources?</li> <li>5. Have the parents been advised of the ASFA timelines?</li> <li>6. Has the caseworker consulted with the child’s team (parents, attorneys, CASA, tribe, age appropriate child) regarding the plan?</li> <li>7. If the parents aren’t progressing, have the birth, medical, and genetic records been requested?</li> <li>8. If ICWA, has the tribe been consulted and approved the concurrent plan?</li> </ol> <p><b>FINDINGS.</b><br/><b>Yes,</b> if DHS has made sufficient efforts to develop the concurrent plan.<br/><b>No,</b> if DHS made no efforts or did not make sufficient efforts.<br/><b>N/A,</b> if plan is not return to parent.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Finding 8</b><br/><b>COMPLIANCE WITH CASE PLAN AND COURT ORDERS</b><br/><b>(Every Review)</b></p> <p>Is DHS is in compliance with the case plan and court orders?</p> <p><b>QUESTIONS.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is DHS in compliance with the policies and laws applicable to the case plan?</li> <li>2. Has DHS implemented the previous CRB recommendations?</li> <li>3. Is DHS having monthly face-to-face contact with the child?</li> </ol> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If the board found “No” on finding numbers 3, 4, or 5, this finding is more likely to be a “No”.</p> <p><b>FINDINGS.</b><br/><b>Yes,</b> if DHS is in compliance with case plan and court orders.<br/><b>No,</b> if DHS has not followed through with the case plan, court orders, or previous CRB recommendations.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Finding 9</b><br/><b>APPROPRIATENESS OF PLAN</b><br/><b>(Every Review)</b></p> <p>Is the permanency plan is the most appropriate plan for the child?<br/>Make this finding for <b>EACH CHILD.</b></p> <p><b>QUESTIONS.</b></p> <p><b>Return to Parent</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is parent’s progress in services?</li> <li>2. Are there any barriers to reunification?</li> <li>3. Is there is a compelling reason not to file a TPR petition if the child has been in care 15 of 22?</li> </ol> <p><b>Adoption</b><br/>Why is return to parent not an appropriate plan?</p> <p><b>Guardianship</b><br/>Why has return to parent or adoption been determined not to be more appropriate?</p> <p><b>Permanent Placement with a Relative</b><br/>Why is this plan more appropriate than return to parent, adoption, or guardianship for the child?</p> <p><b>APPLA</b><br/>How were the higher level permanency plans ruled out as not being in the child’s best interests?<br/>If <b>ICWA,</b> has the tribe approved the permanency plan?</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Finding 10</b><br/><b>CONTINUING NEED FOR PLACEMENT</b><br/><b>(Every Review)</b></p> <p>Is there is a continuing need for placement?</p> <p><b>QUESTIONS.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can the child go home today? If not, why not?</li> <li>2. Can any remaining safety threats be managed with an in-home plan?</li> <li>3. Is continued placement necessary and in the child’s best interests?</li> <li>4. Are there specific services which need to be provided related to language and/or culture?</li> <li>5. If ICWA, is the tribe in agreement with the continuing need for placement?</li> <li>6. What is a likely date for the child to return home or be placed for adoption?</li> </ol> <p><b>FINDINGS.</b><br/><b>Yes,</b> if placement is still necessary to meet the child’s needs and in the child’s best interests.<br/><b>No,</b> if the conditions for return have been met or the safety threats have been eliminated and the child can safely return home.</p> |
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