



# Timeliness of Adoptions - Identification of the Adoption Resource

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We strongly urge the **juvenile judges in Oregon to have a review hearing every 60 days when the concurrent plan of adoption has been implemented and there is not an identified adoptive resource/placement**; however, with judicial time being coveted and the drain on DHS, attorneys, CASA, etc. to try to add another review hearing to the already busy court dockets, **an alternative would be to require, in lieu of a hearing, DHS to supply a written report** answering questions about the status of recruiting and identifying an adoptive resource/placement. If the court is not satisfied with the information DHS has provided, then a review hearing could immediately be scheduled.

## JUDICIAL INQUIRY

### For the DHS Caseworker...

These questions are meant as a guideline for judges. Some questions may not be applicable to every case.

(1) If the current placement resource is unwilling to be the adoptive resource, has the agency attempted to address any underlying concerns and explained the benefits of adoption to the current resource?

(2) If the current placement resource was rejected as the adoptive placement, are there any concerns that could be remedied (i.e., square footage of the home, household member permanently leaves the home) to make that placement viable?

(3) If an adoptive placement has not been identified, what is the agency doing to recruit and process potential adoptive resources?

(4) What is the child specific recruitment plan?

(5) What ongoing efforts been made to locate and contact relatives? Are there adults/families with whom the child has or has had a positive relationship who are potential adoptive resources? What is the status of contacting and investigating these adults/families?

(6) How many individuals have expressed an interest in adopting the child and what is the status of investigating these individuals?

(7) Has the child been placed on adoption lists locally, regionally, and nationally? Has the agency utilized the media, adoption exchange programs, and the internet to seek adoptive resources? What sites/lists is the child on?

(8) What is the status of any pending home studies?

(9) If an interstate compact is needed, has the process begun? Has the ICPC referral (form 100A) been submitted? If there are delays in the ICPC process, what is being done to resolve them?

*The Honorable  
Lisa Greif (Chair)*

*The Honorable  
Gregory Baxter*

*The Honorable  
Cynthia Easterday*

*Referee/Judge Pro  
Tem Michele Rini*

*The Honorable  
Katherine Weber*

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY**

In the Matter of:

) Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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) **COURT REPORT** In Lieu Of Review Hearing When Primary  
) Plan Has Changed To Adoption and No Adoptive  
) Resource/ Placement Has Been Identified  
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\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Date

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DHS Caseworker's Signature