



## JCIP MODEL DEPENDENCY FORMS SUMMARY OF CHANGES EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2019

Revised and new forms for juvenile dependency cases have been posted on the JCIP website and integrated into Odyssey for immediate court use.

### Revised Forms

#### (1) All Dependency Hearing Orders and Judgments

Following passage of [Senate Bill 20](#) (2017) we revised the model forms to allow the court to make a finding regarding the child's maintenance in his or her "school of origin". As you may recall, DHS is required to maintain a foster child, age 4 to 21, in his or her "school of origin" unless the juvenile court makes a finding that it is not in the child's best interest to be maintained in his or her school of origin. The child's "school of origin" is defined as the school the child attended before he or she was placed in foster care, or before the child's foster care placement changed. Until the court finds the child's attendance in the school of origin or any other school in the school district of origin is not in the child's best interest, the child is to be maintained in the school of origin and is entitled to free transportation between home and school. DHS and the Oregon Department of Education have created a shared cost transportation program to provide transportation as needed. For additional information on how DHS has implemented the requirements, please refer to the [Memorandum](#) from Laurie Price dated 8/29/2017.

Over the past year we have received feedback that the current language of the finding is confusing. We have revised the language to make it easier to navigate. Please note that the court does not have to make this finding unless the child is moving, or a party has requested the court make the finding.

#### (2) Jurisdiction Judgment.

Language has been added to the jurisdiction judgment to include findings required by the Indian Child Welfare Act when the child is placed in substitute care. These include: (1) a finding that clear and convincing evidence, including qualified expert witness testimony, has established that continued custody by a parent is likely to result in serious emotional or physical damage to the child, and (2) whether the placement complies with the placement preferences established by 25 USC §1915.

(3) Review and Permanency Judgments.

A new version of the review and permanency judgments has been drafted to track with the pilot version of the DHS Court Report. The new court report form will be piloted in Klamath, Lake, Douglas and Lane Counties beginning February 1, 2019.

The “pilot” version of the review and permanency judgments are available in fill in the blank format and in printable versions. Odyssey versions of those forms will not be available until the new court report is rolled out state wide.

Minor changes were also made to the existing forms:

- The findings required by ORS 419B.449(3) have been reformatted into a table.
- Unnecessary checkboxes have been eliminated.

(4) Letter to Guardian.

A duplicative sentence was removed from the letter that the court provides to a guardian at the time of appointment.

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