

Model Court Report for Dispositional and Review Hearings

Court Date: _____

I. Background Information

Date of this report: _____

Child's Name: _____ DOB: _____ File#: _____

Age _____ Child's GAL: _____

	Name	Age	Address	Attorney/GAL
Mother				
Bio-Father				
Legal Father				
Custodian				
Other				

Reason For Report	
Dispositional Hearing NCGS 7B-901	√
Review Hearing NCGS 7B-906	
Other Hearing	

Prior Legal Proceedings	Date
Non-Secure Custody Order	
Petition Filed	
First Continued Custody Hearing	
Other Continued Custody Hearing	
Adjudication Hearing	
Disposition Hearing	
First Custody Review	
Other Reviews	

Placements

Days in Care: _____

Current Placement: _____ Type/Relation _____ Date: _____

Previous Placement: _____ Type/Relation _____ Date: _____

II. Current Situation of Child

Is there any information to indicate that the child may be subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act?

Yes _____ **No** _____ Explain (if yes, complete DSS-5291) _____

Have any relatives been identified as potential placement providers since the last hearing? **Yes** ___ **No** ___

Is a kinship care assessment already in progress? **Yes** _____ **No** _____

If Yes to either, indicate names and status of kinship assessment. _____

Change of placement: If the child's placement has changed since the filing of the petition and entry of the original Order to Assume Custody, list the reasons for the change in placement:

Educational Stability: Current school placement: _____ Current grade: _____
Is it in the best interest of the child to remain in the same school in which he/she was enrolled prior to placement? **Yes** _____ **No** _____ If Yes, what efforts are being made to allow the child to remain in the same school? _____

If it is not in the child's best interest, has DSS and the local education authority arranged for immediate and appropriate enrollment in a new school and for immediate transfer of all educational records?

Yes _____ **No** _____

Is the child on track academically for their current grade? **Yes** _____ **No** _____ If No, what general education support services are being provided to assist the child in being successful in school? _____

Has the child experienced a change in schools as a result of a change in foster care placement? **Yes** _____ **No** _____ If Yes, how many times has this occurred? _____

Does the child have physical, emotional, medical, or mental health issues that may qualify the child for services under IDEA/Section 504 and/or may impact educational performance? **Yes** _____ **No** _____ If Yes, what services is the child receiving to address these issues? _____

Child Status and Strengths/Needs (include mental health and physical/dental health):

Delinquent/Undisciplined History of Child (when relevant): _____

Transitional Living Plan for Youth, age 16 and older: What services are currently being provided to the youth to implement their transitional living plan? _____

What is the current progress of the youth in acquiring the skills necessary to transition to self-sufficient adulthood? _____

Attach the current Transitional Living Plan to the court report per **G.S. § 7B-906.1.**

Summary of Current Investigation/Assessment: _____

History of Prior CPS Involvement: _____

III. Current Situation of Parents/Custodian

Parents' Status and Strengths/Needs (include mental health, substance abuse (insure compliance with 42CFR part 2 confidentiality requirements), transportation, etc.)

Mother: _____

Father: _____

Parents' Progress in achieving Service Plan Goals to reduce risk (include an assessment of the parents' ability to participate in a service plan and include **drug treatment** (insure compliance with 42CFR part 2 confidentiality requirements), **parent education, mental health, etc.** as appropriate)

Mother: _____

Father: _____

IV. Case History

Criminal History of Parents (include when relevant) _____

Child and Family Team Meetings: Date Held _____

Visitation Plan: Describe the visitation plan and how the parents are demonstrating their ability to parent their child(ren) independently in their visits: (attach current visitation plan)

Child Support: Describe any child support arrangements with the parents and their compliance:

Other Significant Information: _____

V. Efforts by DSS Agency

The DSS agency has made efforts since the last hearing toward achieving the following primary plan:
Prevent Removal _____ Reunification _____ Adoption _____ Guardianship _____
Custody _____ Another Permanent Planned Living Arrangement; and the concurrent plan of _____

The following efforts have been made to achieve the above-indicated plan(s):

Date	Effort	Result

Barriers to Achieving the Permanent Plan(s) (list):

VI. Recommendations

_____ County DSS respectfully requests that this Court adopt the following recommendations:

Find that the efforts made by _____ County DSS were reasonable to achieve the primary plan of: _____ and the concurrent plan of: _____ (list any plans that were in effect since the most recent hearing).

Recommended Plan(s): _____

Additional services needed to achieve the recommended plans and whether they need to be court ordered:

Based on the case plans and the parents' level of compliance, DSS makes the following additional recommendations for the parents and child(ren): _____

DSS recommends that the child's placement/custody should change _____ stay the same_____. Explain:

Recommended changes to the visitation plan: _____

When and what kind of hearing should be held next: _____

Respectfully Submitted,

Social Worker

Social Work Supervisor