Model Court Report for Permanency Planning 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				

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	
Permanency Planning Hearing	
Other Reviews	

Placements
Days in Care: _____
Number of months out of the last 22 months that the child has been in care _____
Current Placement: _____ Type/Relation _____ Date: _____
Previous Placement: _____ Type/Relation _____ Date: _____

- Attach Placement Log

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) _____
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_____

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: _____
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Change of placement: If the child's placement has changed since the last court review, list the reasons for the change in placement: _____
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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? _____
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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? _____
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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? _____
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Child Status and Strengths/Needs (include transitional living plan if youth is age 14 or older as well as mental health and physical/dental health): _____
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Discuss whether the child has regular opportunities to engage in age or developmentally-appropriate activities. _____
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Discuss whether it is possible for the juvenile to be returned home immediately or within the next six months, and if not, why returning home is not in the juvenile's best interest. _____
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Where the juvenile's return home is unlikely within six months, discuss whether legal guardianship or custody with a relative or some other suitable person should be established. If so, are the parents able to be involved with the juvenile (i.e., visitation, child support, etc.) and would such involvement benefit the juvenile? _____

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Where the juvenile's return home is unlikely within six months, would adoption benefit the juvenile and if so, are there any barriers to the juvenile's adoption? _____
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Where the juvenile's return home is unlikely within six months, would the juvenile benefit from another permanent planned living arrangement? Could this be accomplished in the juvenile's current placement? Explain. _____
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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: _____
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Father: _____
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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: _____
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Father: _____
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IV. Case History

Criminal History of Parents (include when relevant) _____
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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)

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

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Other Significant Information: _____
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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 _____ Reinstatement of Parental Rights; and the concurrent plan of _____

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

Date	Effort	Result

Children with a Permanency Plan of APPLA:

Discuss the intense, ongoing and, as of the date of this hearing, unsuccessful efforts to return the child home, or place the child with a fit and willing relative (including adult siblings), a legal guardian, or an adoptive parent: _____
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Barriers to Achieving the Permanent Plan(s) (list):
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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 Permanent Plans: _____

Additional services needed to achieve the recommended plans and whether they need to be court ordered:
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Based on the case plan and the parents' level of compliance, DSS makes the following additional recommendations for the parents and child(ren):_____
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DSS recommends that the child's placement/custody should change _____ stay the same_____. Explain:
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Recommended changes to the visitation plan: _____
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When and what kind of hearing should be held next: _____
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Respectfully Submitted,

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Social Worker

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Social Work Supervisor