

Checklist for Permanency Planning Hearing

(To be used in addition to the "Checklist for Disposition or Review")

- Completed "Checklist for Disposition or Review" in addition to the issues set out below
- This hearing is being conducted on _____ (date) for "permanent placement of a child" pursuant to N.R.S. § 432B.590.
- This hearing is being held within 12 months after the date of the initial order removing custody, entered on, _____ (date), OR
- This hearing is being held within 30 days after the date of the hearing at which the court found that reasonable efforts are not required or shall cease, which was held on _____(date), OR
- this hearing is a subsequent hearing held at least every six months after the initial permanency planning hearing which was held on _____(date), AND
- this hearing is/is not (circle one) being combined with a Review Hearing.

Information the Court shall consider

- The Court has considered information from the following persons:
 - parents guardian CASA your client
 - any foster parent, relative, or pre-adoptive parent providing care for the child
_____ (names)
 - custodian or agency with custody _____ (name)
 - any other person or agency which will aid it in the court's review
_____ (names)

Ordering pursuit of Termination of Parental Rights

Check all that apply:

- Your client has been in the custody or placement responsibility of DFS, and has been in placement outside the home for 15 of the most recent 22 months; OR
- a court of competent jurisdiction has determined that the parent has abandoned your client; OR
- the parent has committed or aided, abetted, attempted, conspired, or solicited murder or voluntary manslaughter; OR

_____ the parent has caused the abuse or neglect of your client or of another child of the parent or primary caretaker which resulted in substantial bodily harm to the child or your client;

OR

_____ There was no initiation of Termination of Parental Rights due to the following:

_____ the Court has made findings that the permanent plan for your client is guardianship or custody with a relative or some other suitable person;

_____ the Court has made specific findings why the filing of a Petition for Terminate Parental Rights is not in the best interests of the child; or

_____ the Court has made findings that DFS has not provided your client's family with such services as the Court deems necessary, when reasonable efforts are still required to enable your client's return to a safe home.

Criteria the Court Must Consider

_____ The Court has considered the following criteria and made findings regarding those that are relevant as described below

_____ Whether it is possible for your client to be returned home immediately or within the next six months, and if not, why it is not in your client's best interest to return home:

_____ Where your client's return home is unlikely within six months, whether legal guardianship or custody with a relative or some other suitable person should be established, and if so, the rights and responsibilities which should remain with the parents:

_____ Where your client's return home is unlikely within six months, whether adoption should be pursued, and if so, any barriers to his adoption:

_____ Where your client's return home is unlikely within six months, whether your client should remain in the current placement or be placed in another permanent living arrangement and why:

_____ Whether DFS has, since the initial permanency planning hearing, made reasonable efforts to implement the permanent plan for your client;

_____ Any other criteria the court deems necessary:

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_____ At the conclusion of the hearing the judge made specific findings as to the best plan of care to achieve a safe, permanent home for your client within a reasonable period of time:

Other dispositional orders made are as follows:

_____ The judge did not order your client returned home and made the following orders directing DFS to make reasonable efforts to place your client in a timely manner in accordance with the Permanency Plan, to complete whatever steps are necessary to finalize the permanent placement of your client, and to document all such steps in the his Case Plan:

_____ The next permanency planning hearing date is: _____

OR

_____ The Court is relieved of the duty to conduct further reviews because custody of your client has been restored to his parent(s).