

PERMANENCY HEARING CHECKLIST

- Date Child(ren) Entered Care on Record**

DFCS Permanency Plan Recommendation Review

- The Most Permanent Plan to Meet the Needs of the Child(ren)**

Reunification (ASFA: Only if Parent(s) Making Diligent Progress)

- Diligent Progress On Plan**
- Plan Consistent with Child’s Developmental Needs**
- Plan Can Be Achieved within Specified Timeframe**

Adoption

- DFCS Presents Timeframe for Filing TPR**
- Adoptive Resource Recruitment**
- Order Commencement of Paper Work for Adoption (e.g. birth certificates, subsidies, consents, home studies)**

Placement with Fit and Willing Relative

- Diligent Search**
- Transitional Visits**
- Counseling**
- Financial Assistance**
- Housing**
- Day Care**
- Other Help for Relative**
- Encourage Continuing Adult Ties and Sibling Contact**
- Custodian Has Made Long Term Commitment to Child(ren)**
- DFCS Ordered to Perform 36-Month Reviews**

Guardianship

- DFCS Presents Timeframe for Court Order**
- DFCS Explained Adoption Option to Guardians**
- DFCS Advised Guardians of Available Assistance & Legal Duties of Guardian**

APPLA

- Compelling Reason – Identify Barriers to More Permanent Options**
- Documentation – Reports and/or testimony of service providers**

DFCS Discussed all of the alternative plans with

- Parents and Child(ren)**
- Foster Parents – Liability and Benefits/Subsidies**

- Court Questions Child(ren) –GAL about plan options**

- Plan Addresses Any Safety Concerns of Child(ren)**
- Provides Continuing Ties to a Caring Relative or Other Adult**

WRITTEN TRANSITIONAL LIVING PLAN

Required Persons

- The Child**
- The DFCS Case Manager**
- CASA and/or GAL**
- Group Home Case Manager**
- ILP Coordinator**

Permanency and Housing

- Age Out - Emancipation**
- Child(ren) will/will not sign him/herself/themselves back into care after 18**
- Child(ren) Made Aware of requirements to remain in care and services available until age 21**
- Housing Plan (foster care, group home, apartment, etc.)**

Documentation

- Driver's License or Georgia ID**
- Birth Certificate**
- Social Security Card**

Education/Vocational Training

- Academic Plan and Progress**
- Vocational Plan and Progress**
- Notice to Child(ren) of state grants for tuition, fees and living expenses until 26 for postsecondary institution**

Employment

- Necessity of Job Training**
- Job placement**

Health

- Special Needs/Services**
- Notice of Medicaid Eligibility until age 21**
- Substance Abuse Treatment**
- Supportive Housing**

Independent Living Skills

- Youth has Necessary Skills for Independence**
- Services Needed to Acquire Independence:**

[Teen Parents in Foster Care Only]

- Placed with infant**
- Parenting Training**
- Services for both Teen Parent and Infant**

Youth With Disabilities

- IEP**
- Vocational/Rehabilitation Services**
- Additional Independent Living Skills Training**