

PERMANENCY HEARING--ADOPTION

STATE OF LOUISIANA
IN THE INTEREST OF

D/O/B _____

CASE NO. _____
JUVENILE COURT
PARISH OF _____
STATE OF LOUISIANA

JUDGMENT/ORDER

- Present were: ADA _____
 Mother _____
 Father _____
 Attorney for Mother _____
 Attorney for Father _____
 Curator for Mother _____
 Curator for Father _____
 Appearance of parent(s) _____ waived:
 Parent(s) cannot be found
 Parent(s) served but failed to appear
 OCS _____
 Child(ren) _____
 Attorney for Child _____
 Other _____
 Other _____
 Other _____
 Other _____

FINDINGS AND ORDERS:

- It is not and will not be safe to return the child home because:

Note: The finding might describe why returning the child home is not and will not be possible or appropriate. The finding might specifically incorporate or modify the Department's explanation.

- Placing the child for adoption is an appropriate and practical plan because:

Note: The finding might incorporate or modify the Department's explanation why adoption in an appropriate plan for the child and why and why adoption appears to be a practical goal if the parental rights are terminated. Include such information as the age of the child, the nature of the child's relationship with parents, and the child's need for a new permanent and secure parent-child relationship. If appropriate, include observations about the likely impact of the parent-child contacts after the child is placed in a new permanent home.

- The following is the timetable of the Department's to petition for termination of parental rights and its plan for the child's adoption.

Note: The plan should set forth specific tasks, times, and dates, to prepare for and initiate proceedings to terminate parental rights.

Reasonable Efforts to Finalize Permanency Plan

- The following efforts were made, following the placement of the child into foster care, to finalize the child's permanency plan:

[Note: The finding might incorporate or modify the Department's description of the state's efforts to reunify the family.]

The efforts were **reasonable** because [insert narrative]

The efforts were **reasonable** based on information at page [insert page #], paragraph [insert paragraph #] in the **Department's case report** dated [insert date], a copy of which is attached to this order and incorporated by reference herein.

The efforts were **not reasonable** because [insert narrative].

If the child is placed in a home in a different state than the home of the child's parents, the placement continues to be appropriate and in the child's best interests for the following reasons:

Note: If the child is placed in the same state as one or both of the child's parents, leave this space blank. Otherwise, explain why it is necessary to place the child in a different state. The finding might incorporate or modify the Department's explanation. Federal law requires the court to make findings regarding the continuing necessity for out-of-state foster placements. 42 U.S.C. §675(5)(C).

If the child is 16 or older, the child needs the following services to assist the child make the transition from foster care to independent living:

Note: If the child is less than 16, leave this space blank. If the child is 16 or older, list and explain the services the child needs to make the transition from foster care to independent living. The finding might incorporate or modify the Department's statement about such services. Federal law requires the court to make findings concerning the services needed to prepare the child for independent living. 42 U.S.C. §675(5)(C).

THE COURT HEREBY ORDERS:

The Department shall file a petition to terminate parental rights by _____, 200__.

The child shall remain in the [custody] of the Department.
OR

[Custody] of the child shall be transferred to _____.

The next hearing in this case shall be a [preliminary hearing concerning termination of parental rights] and shall take place at ____ [a.m.] [p.m.] on _____, 200__.

Note: Where the proceeding to terminate parental rights will be initiated in a different court, this paragraph would schedule a review hearing to take place perhaps soon after the petition to terminate parental rights is supposed to be filed. This paragraph would specify that the review hearing will be taken off the calendar when this court receives written notice that a termination petition has been filed.

Present placement/level of care to be maintained except upon authorization of/notice to the court.

The court further orders that:

Note: This allows the court to provide additional instructions or orders. If none, leave this space blank.

DATED and signed at Harvey, LA this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

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