

PERMANENCY HEARING--PLACEMENT WITH SPECIFIC RELATIVES

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 return home would endanger or harm the child or is otherwise impractical or the finding might incorporate or modify the Department's explanation.]

Termination of parental rights is not in the best interests of the child because:

[Note: The finding might incorporate or modify the Department's explanation.]

It is not in the best interest of the child to permanently place the child with an individual or couple serving as [permanent custodians] [permanent guardians] because:

[Note: The finding might incorporate or modify the Department's explanation.]

The agency has fully counseled the relatives concerning available financial assistance and the availability of more permanent and legally secure placement options.

[Note: The finding might incorporate or modify the Department's explanation.]

The foster parents are fully capable of and committed to permanently caring for the child because:

[Note: The finding might incorporate or modify the Department's explanation.]

The child will be safe from further harm by the child's parents because:

[Note: The finding might incorporate or modify the Department's explanation.]

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 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 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 child shall remain in the [custody] of the Department and be placed in foster care on a permanent basis with his/her relatives _____.

[] The Department shall implement the following plan to ensure the stability of the foster placement:

[Note: The court-approved plan might incorporate or modify the Department's proposed plan.]

[] The next hearing in this case shall be a [review hearing] and shall take place at ___[a.m.] [p.m.] on _____, 20____, Courtroom _____.

[] **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_____.

JUDGE