STATE OF INDIANA

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ COURT

In the Matter Of: Case No.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A Child In Need Of Services

**ORDER ON PERIODIC CASE REVIEW FOR CHILD**

**WITH APPLA AS THE PERMANENCY PLAN**

 The State of Indiana appears by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, (Attorney for Department of Child Services). The child (appears in person) (and by counsel, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) (is excused from attending this hearing). The parent(s), (Guardian) (Custodian) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ appear in person. Also, (CASA/GAL) (Family Case Manager) (Intake Officer) (other interested persons) appears.

1. This matter comes before the Court for a periodic case review, and the Court after reviewing the progress report (and CASA/GAL report) filed herein which is/are now admitted into evidence and made a part of the record, and after hearing evidence and statement of interested persons, and after considering the factors listed in IND. CODE 31-34-21-5, finds as follows:

 [ ] DCS (has) (has not) complied with the child’s case plan.

 [ ] The child (has) (has not) complied with the child’s case plan.

 [ ] The child’s parent, guardian, or custodian (has) (has not) complied with the child’s case plan.

[ ] It is an appropriate time to implement a permanency plan for the child.

 [ ] The parent, guardian, or custodian (has) (has not) enhanced their ability to fulfill their parental obligations.

 [ ] The parent, guardian, or custodian (has) (has not) visited the child [include the reason for infrequent visitation].

 [ ] The parent, guardian, or custodian (has) (has not) cooperated with DCS.

 [ ] The child (has) (has not) recovered from any injuries suffered before removal.

 [ ] Additional services (are) (are not) required for the child or the child’s parent, guardian or custodian [if required, state the nature of those services].

 [ ] The child (has) (has not) been rehabilitated.

 [ ] The child (is) (is not) in the least restrictive, most family-like setting.

 [ ] The child (is) (is not) placed close to the home of the child’s parent, guardian, or custodian.

 [ ] The cause of the child’s out-of-home placement or supervision (has) (has not) been alleviated.

[ ] The legal settlement of the child is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 [ ] The child’s parent, guardian, or custodian (has) (has not) participated or (has) (has not) been given the opportunity to participate in case planning, periodic case reviews, dispositional reviews, placement of the child, and visitation.

[ ] DCS (has made) (has not made) (is not required to make) reasonable efforts to reunify or preserve the child’s family.

[ ] DCS has made the following efforts to offer and provide family services, including the outcome arising from offering or providing family services: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

[ ] The court concludes that DCS has made reasonable efforts to finalize the permanency plan

2. [ ] The child has not been removed and currently resides in the home of the parent, guardian or custodian.

or

[ ] The child has been removed from the care and custody of the child’s parent, guardian or custodian.

The Court finds that it is in the best interest of the child to be removed from the home environment and remaining in the home would be contrary to the health and welfare of the child. Reasonable efforts have been made to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child OR, due to the emergency nature of the situation, no reasonable efforts could be made to prevent removal. The statements of reasonable efforts as set forth in the pleadings and papers of the DCS filed herein are incorporated by reference.

The legal settlement of the child is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and DCS shall provide notice required by I.C. 20-26-11-9.

DCS is responsible for the child’s placement and care.

*(When a child is placed out of state, complete this section:)*

 *The Court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the above out of state*

 *placement in a facility or home is appropriate because:*

 *( ) The Director of the DCS or their designee has recommended or*

 *approved of the placement;*

*or*

 *( ) There is not an equivalent facility with adequate services in Indiana,*

 *because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; and*

 *( ) Institutional care in this facility is in the best interest of the child and*

 *will not produce undue hardship, because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

 *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_;*

*or*

 *() the facility is not more than 50 miles from the county of the residence of*

 *the child.*

3. [ ] Parental Participation has been previously ordered by this Court for\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, parents (custodian or guardian) of the child. The Court, after a review of facts and circumstances presented and hearing evidence, finds the parents (guardian or custodian) shall participate in a change in treatment program or pay for services, consistent with the recommendation of the department as follows: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Set forth specifically what change in the parents’ obligations is ordered, including financial responsibility)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A separate Financial Obligation Order is being issued.

4. [ ] (*Check only if the hearing has been previously continued to allow DCS to file a supplemental l report and the Court Order is not consistent with the recommendation of DCS*)

The Court finds that the placement, program or service recommendations contained in the Progress Report is/are contrary to the welfare and best interests of the child and unreasonable based on the facts and circumstances for the following specific reasons:

This Court Orders a change in the child’s current placement to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

DCS shall review the Court’s proposed placement, program or service for the child as stated above; and submit a supplemental progress/modification Report to the court stating whether DCS approves or disapproves the proposed placement, program or service as stated herein, and if DCS disapproves the proposed placement, program or service, the reasons for disapproval.

5. The child’s case plan, services, and placement meet the special needs and best interests of the child. DCS has made reasonable efforts to provide family services and/or to finalize another permanency plan.

HAVING CONSIDERED THE YOUTH REPORT TO THE COURT, ANY TESTIMONY TO THE COURT, AND THE REPORT OF THE GAL/CASA, THE COURT FINDS THE CHILD DESIRES THE PERMANENCY PLAN TO BE:

The best permanency plan for this child is another planned permanent living arrangement (APPLA). Compelling reasons that the other permanency plans are not in the best interest of this youth are as follows:

 Reunification is not in the best interest of the child because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;

 Adoption is not in the best interest of the child because: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;

 Guardianship is not in the best interest of the child because: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;

 Placement with a fit and willing relative is not in the best interest of the youth because: \_\_\_\_\_.

 Based on the information provided in the (DCS report/DCS presentation in open court), DCS has made intensive, continuous and unsuccessful efforts to locate relatives for potential placement, including the use of search engines and social media.

The projected date for the child’s completion of another planned permanent living arrangement

is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (date).

6. [ ] Based on the information provided in the (DCS report/DCS presentation in open court), the child has participated in age and developmentally appropriate extracurricular, enrichment, cultural and social activities, which were determined by the foster parent or caregiver in the family home, group home, secure private facility, or child caring institution.

Or

[ ] Based on the information provided in the (DCS report/DCS presentation in open court), age-appropriate activities were made available to the youth for participation but the youth chose not to participate.

Based on the information provided in the (DCS report/DCS presentation in open court), DCS took steps to ensure that the foster parent or child caring institution applied the reasonable and prudent parent standard when determining which activities the youth should pursue.

A copy of this order is to be distributed to DCS.

7. [ ] This case is set for further **review** hearing on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_.M. and the parties are ordered to return to Court at said date and time without further notice.

8. [ ] This case is set for **permanency** hearing on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_.M. and the parties are ordered to return to Court at said date and time without further notice.

**SO ORDERED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_.

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Judge

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