

Model Court Report for Dispositional and Review Hearings

Court Date: _____

I. Background Information

Date of this report: _____

Child's Name: _____ DOB: _____ File#: _____

Age _____ Child's GAL: _____

	Name	Age	Address	Attorney/GAL
Mother				
Bio-Father				
Legal Father				
Custodian				
Other				

Reason For Report	
Dispositional Hearing N.C.G.S. § 7B-901	√
Review Hearing N.C.G.S. § 7B-906	
Other Hearing	

Prior Legal Proceedings	Date
Non-Secure Custody Order	
Petition Filed	
First Continued Custody Hearing	
Other Continued Custody Hearing	
Adjudication Hearing	
Disposition Hearing	
First Custody Review	
Other Reviews	

Placements

Days in Care: _____

Current Placement: _____ Type/Relation _____ Date: _____

Previous Placement: _____ Type/Relation _____ Date: _____

II. Current Situation of Child

Is there any information to indicate that the child may be subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act?

Yes (if yes, complete DSS-5291) **No** Explain _____

Have any relatives been identified as potential placement providers since the last hearing? **Yes** **No**

Is a kinship care assessment already in progress? **Yes** **No**

If yes to either, indicate names and status of kinship assessment. _____

Change of placement: If the child's placement has changed since the filing of the petition and entry of the original Order to Assume Custody, list the reasons for the change in placement:

Educational Stability: Current school placement: _____ Current grade: _____
Is it in the best interest of the child to remain in the same school in which he/she was enrolled prior to placement? Yes No If yes, what efforts are being made to allow the child to remain in the same school? _____

If it is not in the child's best interest, has DSS and the local education authority arranged for immediate and appropriate enrollment in a new school and for immediate transfer of all educational records?
 Yes No
Is the child on track academically for their current grade? Yes No If no, what general education support services are being provided to assist the child in being successful in school? _____

Has the child experienced a change in schools as a result of a change in foster care placement?
 Yes No If yes, how many times has this occurred? _____
Does the child have physical, emotional, medical, or mental health issues that may qualify the child for services under IDEA/Section 504 and/or may impact educational performance? Yes No
If yes, what services is the child receiving to address these issues? _____

Child Status and Strengths/Needs (include mental health and physical/dental health):

Discuss whether the child has regular opportunities to engage in age or developmentally-appropriate activities:

Delinquent/Undisciplined History of Child (when relevant): _____

Transitional Living Plan for Youth, age 14 and older: What services are currently being provided to the youth to implement their transitional living plan? _____

What is the current progress of the youth in acquiring the skills necessary to transition to self-sufficient adulthood? _____

Attach the current Transitional Living Plan to the court report per **G.S. § 7B-906.1**.

Summary of Current Investigation/Assessment: _____

History of Prior CPS Involvement: _____

III. Current Situation of Parents/Custodian

Parents' Status and Strengths/Needs (include mental health, substance abuse (insure compliance with 42CFR part 2 confidentiality requirements), transportation, etc.)

Mother: _____

Father: _____

Parents' Progress in achieving Service Plan Goals to reduce risk (include an assessment of the parents' ability to participate in a service plan and include **drug treatment** (insure compliance with 42CFR part 2 confidentiality requirements), **parent education, mental health, etc.** as appropriate)

Mother: _____

Father: _____

IV. Case History

Criminal History of Parents (include when relevant) _____

Child and Family Team Meetings: Date Held _____

Visitation Plan: Describe the visitation plan and how the parents are demonstrating their ability to parent their child(ren) independently in their visits: (attach current visitation plan)

Child Support -Describe any child support arrangements with the parents and their compliance:

Other Significant Information:

V. Efforts by DSS Agency

The DSS agency has made efforts since the last hearing toward achieving the following primary plan:
Prevent Removal _____ Reunification _____ Adoption _____ Guardianship _____
Custody _____ Another Permanent Planned Living Arrangement; and the secondary plan or plans of

The following efforts have been made to achieve the above-indicated plan(s):

Date	Effort	Result

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Barriers to Achieving the Permanent Plan(s) (list): _____

VI. Recommendations

_____ County DSS respectfully requests that this Court adopt the following recommendations:

Find that the efforts made by _____ County DSS were reasonable to achieve the primary plan of: _____ and the concurrent plan of: _____ (list any plans that were in effect since the most recent hearing).

Recommended Plan(s): _____

Additional services needed to achieve the recommended plans and whether they need to be court ordered:

Based on the case plans and the parents' level of compliance, DSS makes the following additional recommendations for the parents and child(ren): _____

DSS recommends that the child's placement/custody should change ____ stay the same ____ Explain:

Recommended changes to the visitation plan: _____

When and what kind of hearing should be held next: _____

Respectfully Submitted,

Social Worker

Social Work Supervisor