

PERMANENCY HEARING ORDER

[RETURN HOME ON A SPECIFIC DATE]

Court Case Number

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF _____ COUNTY, ALABAMA
(Name of County)

In the Matter of _____, a child

Child: _____ Date of Birth: _____

On _____ (date), a permanency hearing was held by the above court.

APPEARANCES

Note: Check which parties and/or attorneys and/or others were present at the hearing:

Mother	Guardian ad litem
Father	Department of Human Resources (Department) Caseworker
*Child	Department Attorney
Mother's Attorney	**Paternal Grandmother Grandfather
Father's Attorney	**Maternal Other Relatives: _____ (specify)
**Maternal Grandmother	**Paternal Other Relatives: _____ (specify)
Grandfather	**Foster Parents: _____ (specify)
**Others (specify): _____	

* Federal law and state law (Section 12-15-315(a), Ala.Code 1975) require age-appropriate consultation with the child at each permanency hearing regarding the permanency plan and/or any transition plan to independent living. I have ensured this consultation with the child was given.

** If one or more of these persons who are caring for the child under the responsibility of the department are not present, I have ensured that they have received notice of this hearing.

THE COURT FINDS THAT [CHECK WHICH BOXES ARE APPLICABLE]:

1. Efforts were made by the Department, following the placement of the above-named child into foster care, to finalize the existing permanency plan of _____ for the above-named child and such efforts were not reasonable as follows:

After reviewing the attached written court report dated _____, p. _____, and based on the testimony of the parties, and/or after obtaining input from the foster parents, preadoptive parents, or relative caregivers of the child, I incorporate into this Order the Department's description of its efforts to reunify the family;

After reviewing the attached written court report dated _____, p. _____, and based on the testimony of the parties, and/or after obtaining input from the foster parents, preadoptive parents, or relative caregivers of the child, I modify the Department's description of its efforts to reunify the family, as follows:

2. The conditions or circumstances leading to the removal of the child have been corrected and it is now safe to return the child home because:

After reviewing the attached Department's written court report dated _____, p. _____, and based on the testimony of the parties, I incorporate into this Order the Department's explanation why the child's returning home is now safe;

After reviewing the attached Department's written court report dated _____, p. _____, and based on the testimony of the parties, I modify the Department's explanation why the child's returning home is now safe as follows:

3. Recent visitation between the child and _____ [name of the parent to whom the child is to be returned] demonstrates the safety and appropriateness of the child's return home, as follows:

After reviewing the attached Department's written court report dated _____, p. _____, and based on the testimony of the parties, I incorporate into this Order the Department's description of recent visitation and its effect on the child; or incorporate into this Order the Department's explanation why recent visitation supports its recommendation that the child is to be returned home;

After reviewing the attached Department's written court report dated _____, p. _____, and based on the testimony of the parties, I modify the Department's description of recent visitation and its effect on the child; or modify the Department's explanation why recent visitation supports its recommendation that the child is to be returned home as follows:

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4. If the child is 14 years of age or older, as long as the Department continues supervision, the following services are needed to assist the child in making the transition to successful adulthood, as follows (Note: If the child is less than 14 years of age or if independent living services are provided, leave this space blank):

After reviewing the attached Department's written report dated _____, p. _____, and based on the testimony of the parties, and after consulting with the child, in an age-appropriate manner, regarding the transition plan to independent living, I incorporate into this Order the Department's statement about the services the child needs to make the transition to successful adulthood;

After reviewing the attached Department's written report dated _____, p. _____, and based on the testimony of the parties, and after consulting with the child, in an age-appropriate manner, regarding the transition plan to independent living, I modify the Department's statement about the services the child needs to make the transition to successful adulthood, as follows:

5. The Department has included information concerning age or developmentally appropriate activities for the child in its written court report dated _____, p. _____.

THE COURT HEREBY ORDERS THAT [CHECK WHICH BOXES ARE APPLICABLE]:

1. The child shall be returned to the physical and legal custody of _____
[name of the parent] on _____ (date).
2. The Department shall implement the following plan, including a plan of supervision and support, to ensure the safe and nondisruptive return of the child to _____
[name of the parent].

Note: The court-approved plan might incorporate into this Order or modify the Department's proposed plan with attachments and references to date and page number.

3. The next hearing in this case shall be a review hearing and shall take place at _____ [a.m.] [p.m.] on _____ (date) in _____ (location of hearing).

SIGNED this _____
Date

Judge