

PERMANENCY HEARING ORDER
[ANOTHER PLANNED PERMANENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT (APPLA)
LIMITED TO CHILDREN AGE 16 AND OLDER]

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) requires 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.

Check which one of the following APPLA situations apply:

Permanent Placement of Child with Non-Relative Foster Parents
Continuation of Child's Placement in a Group, Residential, Institutional Placement, or Transitional Living
Other Type of APPLA: _____ (specify)

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

- Efforts made by the Department, following the placement of the above-named child into foster care, were _____ were not reasonable to finalize the existing permanency plan of _____ for the above-named child, as follows:
After reviewing the attached Department's 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 efforts to reunify the family and, if applicable, to secure a new permanent home described in the court report;
After reviewing the attached Department's 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 into this Order the efforts described in the court report why returning home would be dangerous or harmful to the child or is otherwise impractical, as follows:
- It will not be safe to return the child to his/her home and it is not in the best interests of the child because (specify compelling reasons):
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 in its court report why returning home would be dangerous or harmful to the child or is otherwise impractical and not in the child's best interests;
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 in its court report why returning home would be dangerous or harmful to the child or is otherwise impractical and not in the child's best interests, as follows:

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3. Termination of parental rights is not in the best interests of the child because (specify compelling reasons):

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 in its court report why termination of parental rights would not benefit the child;

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 in its court report why termination of parental rights would not benefit the child, as follows:

4. Adoption, either with no identified resource or with the current foster parent, is not in the best interests of the child because (specify compelling reasons):

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 in its court report why adoption would not benefit the child;

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 in its court report why adoption would not benefit the child, as follows:

5. It is not in the best interests of the child to permanently place the child with an individual or couple serving as legal custodians free of Departmental oversight or supervision because (specify compelling reasons):

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 in its court report why it is not in the child's best interests to permanently place the child with an individual or couple serving as legal custodians free of Departmental oversight or supervision;

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 in its court report why it is not in the child's best interests to permanently place the child with an individual or couple serving as legal custodians free of Departmental oversight or supervision as follows:

6. The current foster parents are fully capable of and committed to permanently caring for the child 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 in its court report why the foster parents are fully capable of and committed to permanently caring for the child;

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 in its court report why the foster parents are fully capable of and committed to permanently caring for the child as follows:

7. It is not in the best interests of the child to place the child with relatives who will be permanent foster parents because (specify compelling reasons):

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 in its court report as to why it will not be in the best interests of the child to place the child with relatives who will be permanent foster parents and retain custody with the Department retaining custody;

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 in its court report as to why it will not be in the best interests of the child to place the child with relatives who will be permanent foster parents and retain custody with the Department retaining custody, as follows:

8. It is not in the best interests of the child to place the child in adult custodial care because (specify compelling reasons):

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 in its court report as to why it will not be in the best interests of the child to place the child in adult custodial care;

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 in its court report as to why it will not be in the best interests of the child to place the child in adult custodial care, as follows:

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9. The child cannot and will not be able to adjust or function in a family setting 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 describing specific behavior or reactions of the child that make the child unable to function in a family environment;
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 describing specific behavior or reactions of the child that make the child unable to function in a family environment, as follows:
10. The following is the plan for continuing parental involvement while the child remains in foster care, including visitation with the child's parents and siblings, if possible. If such involvement is not possible, the following is a plan for the child to form and maintain a close relationship with another adult or adults, who will function as parents for the child:
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 plan for the child's continuing involvement and visits with parents and siblings, or with other adults;
After reviewing the attached Department's written court report dated _____, p. _____, and based on the testimony of the parties, I modify the Department's plan for the child's continuing involvement and visits with parents and siblings, or with other adults, as follows:
11. The following plan will prepare the child to live in the least restrictive possible setting at the earliest appropriate time:
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 plan for moving the child into the least restrictive practical setting as well as the Department's goal for the child after the child reaches adulthood, i.e. whether the child is to be returned home, adopted, etc.;
After reviewing the attached Department's written court report dated _____, p. _____, and based on the testimony of the parties, I modify the Department's plan for moving the child into the least restrictive practical setting as well as the Department's goal for the child after the child reaches adulthood, i.e. whether the child is to be returned home, adopted, etc., as follows:
12. The arrangement for the child is permanent rather than temporary 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 arrangement for the child is permanent rather than temporary;
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 arrangement for the child is permanent rather than temporary, as follows:
13. There will be stability, predictability, and continuity in the arrangement 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 there will be stability, predictability, and continuity in the arrangement;
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 there will be stability, predictability, and continuity in the arrangement as follows:
14. The child will retain permanent ties with parents, family members, or other adults functioning as advocates, parent figures, and mentors, 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 explanation why the child will retain

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permanent ties with parents, family members, or other adults functioning as advocates, parent figures, and mentors;

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 will retain permanent ties with parents, family members, or other adults functioning as advocates, parent figures, and mentors, as follows:

15. *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 of the child's parents, leave this space blank]:*

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 in its court report why it is necessary to place the child in a different state;

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 in its court report why it is necessary to place the child in a different state, as follows:

16. *If the child is 14 years of age or older, the following services are needed to assist the child in making the transition to successful adulthood. (Note: If the child is less than 14 years of age or if independent living services are not 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 in its court report concerning 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 in its court report concerning the services the child needs to make the transition to successful adulthood, as follows:

17. 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 remain in the custody of the Department and be placed in foster care on a permanent basis with his or her relatives, who are _____ (names of relatives).

2. The Department shall implement the following plan to ensure the stability of the foster placement:
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 proposed plan in its court report;
After reviewing the attached Department's written court report dated _____, p. _____, and based on the testimony of the parties, I modify the Department's proposed plan in its court report, as follows:

Other: _____

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