

Rockdale County Department of Family and Children Services Permanency Planning Report

Date of Hearing: _____

Child(ren)'s Names: _____

Case Manager's Name: _____

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At least five days prior to any permanency plan hearing, DFCS shall submit for the court's consideration a report recommending a permanency plan for a child(ren) adjudicated as a dependent child(ren). The report shall include documentation of the steps to be taken by DFCS to finalize the permanent placement for such child(ren) and shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The name, address, and telephone number of such child(ren)'s parent, guardian, or legal custodian;

Insert Info Here

- (2) The date on which such child(ren) was/were removed from his/her/their home and the date on which such child(ren) was/were placed in foster care;

Insert Info Here

- (3) The location and type of home or facility in which such child(ren) is/are currently held or placed and the location and type of home or facility in which such child(ren) will be placed;

Insert Info Here

- (4) The basis for the decision to hold such child(ren) in protective custody or to place such child(ren) outside of his/her/their home;

Insert Info Here – Reasons for Removal

- (5) A statement as to the availability of a safe and appropriate placement with a fit and willing relative of such child(ren) or other persons who have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to a child(ren) or a statement as to why placement with the relative or other person is not safe or appropriate;

Insert Info Here

- (6) If as a result of the placement such child(ren) has/have been or will be transferred from the school in which such child(ren) is/are or most recently was enrolled, documentation that a placement that would maintain such child(ren) in that school is unavailable, inappropriate, or that such child(ren)'s transfer to another school would be in such child(ren)'s best interests;

If Applicable – Insert Info Here

- (7) A plan for ensuring the safety and appropriateness of the placement and a description of the services provided to meet the needs of such child(ren) and his/her/their family, including a discussion of services that have been investigated and considered and are not available or likely to become available within a reasonable time to meet the needs of such child(ren) or, if available, why such services are not safe or appropriate;

Insert Info Here – List All Service Info Here

- (8) The goal of the permanency plan which shall include:

- (A) Whether and, if applicable, when such child(ren) shall be returned to his/her/their parent;
- (B) Whether and, if applicable, when such child(ren) shall be referred for termination of parental rights and adoption;
- (C) Whether and, if applicable, when such child(ren) shall be placed with a permanent guardian; or
- (D) In the case in which DFCS has documented a compelling reason that none of the foregoing options would be in the best interests of the child(ren), whether, and if applicable, when such child(ren) shall be placed in another planned permanent living arrangement;

If Applicable – Insert Info Here

- (8.1) Documentation of the intensive, ongoing, and unsuccessful efforts made by the Department to return the child(ren) home or secure a placement for the child(ren) with a fit and willing relative, a legal guardian, or an adoptive parent. (Considerations should be made that include efforts that utilize search technology, including social media, to find biological family members for the child(ren).)

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- (9) If a child(ren) adjudicated as a dependent child(ren) is 14 years of age or older, a description of the programs and services that are or will be provided to assist such child(ren) in preparing for the transition from foster care to independent living. The description shall include all of the following:

- (A) The anticipated age at which such child(ren) will be discharged from foster care;

- (B) The anticipated amount of time available in which to prepare such child(ren) for the transition from foster care to independent living;
- (C) The anticipated location and living situation of such child(ren) on discharge from foster care;
- (D) A description of the assessment processes, tools, and methods that have been or will be used to determine the programs and services that are or will be provided to assist such child(ren) in preparing for the transition from foster care to independent living; and
- (E) The rationale for each program or service that is or will be provided to assist such child(ren) in preparing for the transition from foster care to independent living, the time frames for delivering such programs or services, and the intended outcome of such programs or services.

If Applicable – Insert Info Here

- (10) When the recommended permanency plan is referral for termination of parental rights and adoption or placement in another home, a description of specific recruitment efforts such as the use of state, regional, and national adoption exchanges, including electronic exchange systems, to facilitate orderly and timely in-state and interstate placements.

If Applicable – Insert Info Here

Case Manager's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Supervisor's Signature: _____

Date: _____