

Guide for Foster Parents and Other Physical Custodians to Provide Information at Court Proceedings

Use of form: Completion of this form is voluntary, and foster parents and other physical custodians do not need to complete every question and can include additional pages with this form if necessary. This form is intended to assist foster parents and other physical custodians in determining what information, if any, they determine is relevant to present to a judge or administrative review panel regarding a court hearing or permanency plan review. This form will be distributed to all parties involved with the hearing or permanency plan review, including the child's birth parent, legal guardian, case worker, guardian ad litem, attorney, therapists and any other case participants. Personal information you provide may be used for secondary purposes [Privacy Law, s.15.04(1)(m), Wisconsin Statutes].

Background: Please read before filling out this form.

Foster parents and other physical custodians have the right to receive notice of any hearing or permanency plan review related to a child in their care, except hearings for which notice need only be provided to the child and his or her counsel. In addition, foster parents and other physical custodians may provide information to the court relevant to the hearing or permanency plan review. However, foster parents and other physical custodians are not considered a party to a hearing or permanency plan review and may not be allowed the opportunity to make a verbal statement in court. Any information provided to the court is distributed to all parties involved with the hearing or permanency plan review, including the child's birth parent, legal guardian, case worker, guardian ad litem, attorney, therapists and any other case participants. A copy of the information will be placed in the child's file and become part of the child's permanent record. If a foster parent or physical custodian has questions about the purpose of the hearing or permanency plan review or about what information should be included on this form, he or she should contact the child's case worker.

Date Form Completed	Date of Hearing or Permanency Plan Review	
Name – Child (As it appears on the court document)	Birthdate – Child	
Name – Foster Parent or Physical Custodian Completing Form		
Name – Caseworker	Name – Agency	
Agency Case Number	Court Case Number JC OR JV	

Type of Hearing or Review (Check all applicable types)

- Permanency Plan Review
OR
 Temporary Physical Custody Extension Revision
 Disposition Change of Placement Permanency Plan Hearing
 Other: _____

Information for the Court or Review Panel

1. Placement

How long has the child been in your home?

How is the child doing in your home? (For example, how is the child getting along with other people living in your home?)

2. Education

How is the child doing in school?

3. Psychological, emotional, or physical health care needs

How is the child's physical and mental health?

Yes No Are there other therapies or services that you think the child needs?

If "Yes", describe the additional needed services.

4. Family interaction, including contact with siblings

How is the child getting along with his or her birth family? Siblings? Do you feel the family interaction plan is adequate?

5. If a child is over the age of 15 years, Independent Living Services should be part of their planning.

How is the child doing with learning independent living skills?

6. Support needs of the foster family

Yes No Are there any services or supports that you or your family need at this time?

If "Yes", describe any needed services.

7. Other

Describe any other information you think is relevant.

SIGNATURE – Person Completing Form

Date Signed

Return this questionnaire to _____ at least 10 business days prior to the scheduled hearing.