

CHECKLIST FOR ABUSE AND NEGLECT PERMANENCY HEARING

CASE NUMBER: _____ DATE: _____

INITIAL MATTERS

- ☐ The hearing is being held within the statutory timeframe of twelve months from the date of removal OR twelve months from the last review hearing.
- ☐ Both parents are present. If a parent is not present, the prosecutor is directed to prepare an Order to Appear or bench warrant.
- ☐ All required reports have been submitted to the court five (5) days prior to the hearing.
- ☐ Indicate on the record that the court has reviewed the MDT recommendations, the case plan, and the following other reports:

Notes

- ☐ Was an evidentiary hearing held? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- ☐ Was the permanency plan changed? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If changed, the new permanency plan is: ☐ Reunification ☐ Adoption ☐ Guardianship ☐ APPLA (over 16)
And the new concurrent plan is: ☐ Reunification ☐ Adoption ☐ Guardianship ☐ APPLA
- ☐ Were reasonable efforts ordered to continue? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- ☐ What is the timeline for permanency? _____

FINDINGS

- ☐ Placement in the home ☐ **is** ☐ **is not** contrary to welfare of child and is in child's best interest.
- ☐ Reasonable efforts to prevent removal were made OR reasonable efforts not possible due to emergent nature of situation.
- ☐ If removal is continued, the child should remain in the legal custody of DFS or

- ☐ Should the court be consulted prior to any change in placement?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- ☐ Are the orders made in accordance with the MDT recommendations? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If not in accordance with the MDT recommendations, the following findings of fact were made:

- ☐ Statutory Findings Regarding:
 - ☐ Whether the permanency plan is in the best interest of the child;
 - ☐ Whether DFS has made reasonable efforts to finalize the plan;
 - ☐ What additional steps DFS must take to effectuate the terms of the permanency plan;
 - ☐ What the child's desired permanency outcome is;
 - ☐ If the permanency plan is APPLA, why that is in the best interest of the child and why other options were not ordered;
 - ☐ That the child should be provided, to the greatest extent possible, the opportunity to participate in age appropriate or developmentally appropriate activities and experiences.

Next Hearing: _____