

## CHECKLIST FOR ABUSE AND NEGLECT REVIEW HEARING

CASE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

### INITIAL MATTERS

- ☐ The hearing is being held within the statutory timeframe of six months from the date of removal OR six 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:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Does the court approve the case plan?  
☐ Yes ☐ No  
If not, the following changes were made:  
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Notes

### 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:  
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- ☐ Statutory Findings Regarding:
  - ☐ A determination about the health and safety of the child;
  - ☐ The continuing necessity for placement;
  - ☐ The appropriateness of the current placement;
  - ☐ The reasonableness of efforts made to reunify the family and the consistency of those efforts with the case plan;
  - ☐ The appropriateness of the case plan and the extent of compliance with the case plan including the permanent placement of the child;
  - ☐ If progress has been made toward alleviating or mitigating the causes necessitating placement outside the home and the extent of that progress;
  - ☐ The date the child is expected to be returned to the home or placed for adoption or legal guardianship \_\_\_\_\_.

Next Hearing: \_\_\_\_\_