Extended Foster Care Information Sheet 5

Findings and Orders Regarding Continued Family Reunification Services

At the nonminor dependent review hearing under Welf. & Inst. Code¹, section 366.31(d), the court may continue reunification services to a nonminor dependent under the dependency jurisdiction of the court under section 361.6 and for a nonminor dependent under the delinquency jurisdiction of the court under section 725.25. The court must then set a further review hearing under section 366.31(d). Below are the findings and orders required by section 366.31(d) regarding continued reunification services for a nonminor dependent.

The court has read and considered the social worker's/probation officer's report dated ______.

Findings

- 1. Notice was given as required by law;
- 2. The nonminor dependent's continued placement is/is not necessary;
- 3. The nonminor dependent's continued placement is/is not appropriate;
- 4. The agency has/has not made reasonable efforts to maintain relationships between the nonminor dependent and individuals important to the nonminor dependent.
- 5. The agency has/has not complied with the case plan by making reasonable efforts to create a safe home for the nonminor dependent to reside in and to complete whatever steps are necessary to finalize the permanent plan;
- 6. The agency has/has not complied with the nonminor dependent's Transitional Independent Living Case Plan, including efforts to finalize the nonminor dependent's permanent plan and prepare the nonminor dependent for successful adulthood.
- 7. The agency's progress in providing the information, documents, assistance and services to the nonminor dependent as described in Section 391 is _____
- 8. The extent of progress by (specify parent(s)/guardian(s)) has made toward alleviating or mitigating the causes necessitating placement in foster care is _____
- 9. The likely date by which the nonminor dependent may safely reside in the family home or achieve successful adulthood is______
- 10. The agency has/has not made reasonable efforts to to establish or maintain the nonminor dependent's relationship with his or her siblings who are under the juvenile court's jurisdiction;
- 11. The services needed to assist the nonminor dependent make the transition from foster care to successful adulthood are (*specify*):
- 12. The nonminor dependent and parent (s)/guardian(s) are/are not in agreement with the continuation of reunification services
- 13. Continued reunification services are/are not in the best interest of the nonminor dependent
- 14. There is/is not a substantial probability that the nonminor dependent will be able to safely reside in the home of the parent or guardian by the next review hearing

Orders

- 1. Family reunification services will/will not continue
- 2. Reunification services are hereby terminated and the nonminor dependent is ordered into a plan of placement in a supervised setting specified in section 11402, with identification of a caring adult to serve as a lifelong connection or goal of (*specify goal*) Or

¹ All further statutory references are to the Welf. & Inst. Code, unless otherwise indicated.

Reunification services are hereby terminated as the nonminor can safely reside in the family home; and

A hearing under section 391 to terminate jurisdiction is set for (*insert date*): ______ or The court maintains jurisdiction under section 303(a) and a status review hearing is set for (*insert date*): .

Date

Signature

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