This curriculum focuses on IV-E policy and its application across the social services continuum.
IV-E TRAINING FOR SOCIAL SERVICES
CASE MANAGERS

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Training Overview

Who pays for a child’s care when the child is placed in Foster Care with DFCS? Is it the county, the state, the federal government, a combination of these? Or even the parents?

Funding for Georgia’s Foster Care program comes from a variety of federal and state sources. These sources include: IV-E Foster Care, IV-B Foster Care, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicaid and state funds. Another funding source is child support.

In this training, we are going to focus primarily on IV-E Foster Care. During the first part of the training, we will learn the policies, concepts, and terms related to funding for foster care services. In the second part of the training, we will focus on the forms and procedures for working with Office of Family Independence (OFI) (i.e. the Medicaid Eligibility Specialists in the RevMax Unit).

Training Purpose:
The purpose of the IV-E training is to increase Social Services Case Managers’ knowledge about IV-E funding for Foster Care services and skill in completing the required forms required for IV-E determinations.

Instructional Goals:
After completion of this training, participants will be able to:

• Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of IV-E funding to the DFCS budget by applying IV-E policies and procedures

• Identify the criteria which affect IV-E Eligibility

• Identify the criteria which affect IV-E Reimbursability

• Accurately complete the forms related to funding and the IV-E process according to policy and procedure

• Follow the established procedures for working with the Rev Max Center staff by applying procedures in a case study activity
Section I
The Basics

IV-E for Social Services
Case Managers
What is IV-E Foster Care Services?

IV-E is a federal funding source that pays for the costs associated with the care of children in placement (primarily per diem and Medicaid) and for administrative costs related to the state’s Foster Care Program.

Meeting the needs of a child in Foster Care requires significant financial resources. In other words, it costs the state a lot of money. Therefore, it is crucial that counties explore and exhaust all potential Federal funding sources available for children in Foster Care who meet certain eligibility requirements.

Maximizing federal participation in Foster Care costs has a significant financial benefit for the state. A correct IV-E determination on a child in Foster Care equals federal dollars for Georgia. An incorrect determination can cost the state dollars.

The Revenue Maximization Initiative

The Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) is a major participant in Georgia’s Revenue Maximization Initiative. This is a broad, statewide initiative involving agencies within state government and public and private partners. The purpose of the initiative is to implement more effective ways to maximize federal funding sources. Within the broader state initiative, DFCS has a Revenue Maximization Initiative (known as RevMax) that will increase federal Medicaid and Child Welfare (Title IV-E) funds to support services DFCS provides and purchases by:

- Increasing the number of children receiving Medicaid and Title IV-E foster care funds;

  And

- Expanding the Medicaid billable treatment services for children and families served by DFCS
Benefits Of A Correct IV-E Determination For A Child In Foster Care

Federal dollars help to:

$ Provide funding to take care of children’s basic needs

$ Increase the availability of funds for services and resources for children in foster care and adoptive placements

$ Increase the availability of funds for staff positions. An increase in staff means decreased caseloads for individual case managers.

$ Increase the availability of funds for staff training and for other administrative supports for the foster care program.
ACTIVITY WORKSHEET

“ROBERTS FAMILY BUDGET”

**MONTHLY EARNINGS:** $2000

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**SUBTRACT EXPENSES FROM SALARY FOR BALANCE:**
Foster care audit may be costly

Possible violations could derail millions in federal funding

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Potential problems in the state's handling of foster care cases could cost state taxpayers $16 million over the next 13 months.

Gov. Sonny Perdue included that amount in this week's budget proposal to replace federal funds the state could lose if it fails a pending federal audit of its foster care system. The amount represents nearly a third of Perdue's proposed $52 million increase in child welfare spending.

The state child welfare agency asked for that money after an internal review, done in anticipation of the federal audit, turned up a number of foster care cases that could pose problems when the auditors arrive this summer.

Possible violations include the state's waiver system, which allows child welfare to put children temporarily into foster homes that already have reached their legal limit of kids, and court orders putting kids in foster care without the exact wording the federal government requires.

Other states have lost federal funding for similar reasons.

The $16 million in the budget proposal is a projection, said Wilfred Hamn, deputy director of the state Division of Family and Children Services. "We've looked at all of our cases basically to determine how many are not in compliance and what we would have to do to bring them into compliance."

Although the state can recoup some federal funding by fixing certain violations, it can never again collect funding on any child put in foster care without properly worded court orders, said child welfare spokeswoman Renee Huie.

Last year, state human resources Commissioner Jim Martin asked Juvenile Court judges to look at how they were wording their orders. "If Georgia fails this audit, the financial consequences will be devastating," he wrote in May.

"Our ability to intervene on behalf of children will be greatly diminished without this federal assistance," he wrote.

Federal law requires judges to determine that caseworkers either "made reasonable efforts" to keep a family together, or that such efforts were not required and "continuation in the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child."

Judges must use those specific phrases and must explain their decisions, Huie said.

Eric John, director of the Council of Juvenile Court Judges, said judges have been working to adopt a boilerplate judicial order his group drew up, but many didn't begin doing so until recently.

He also said some judges weren't writing that caseworkers had made "reasonable efforts" to keep a family together because caseworkers hadn't demonstrated that to be true.

Judge Velma Tilley of Bartow County was among the judges who designed the boilerplate order and says she uses it now "just to keep things simple."

Some judges resist because "they don't see why they should have to use these magic words," Tilley said.

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JIM MARTIN
State human resources commissioner
Understanding Foster Care Funding Sources

FOSTER CARE FUNDING SOURCES
- IV-E Foster Care
- IV-B (Child Welfare Foster Care)
- Initial
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Child Support
- Medicaid

IV-E Foster Care:
Title IV-E is a Federal funding source that provides reimbursement for costs associated with the care and maintenance for children in placement and for administrative costs related to the state’s Foster Care program (for example: case management, staff training, etc.) Children classified as IV-E must meet certain eligibility requirements such as parental deprivation and financial need. The eligibility requirements for IV-E foster care are related to the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Program. It is not related to Temporary Assistance to Needy families (TANF).

IV-B (Child Welfare Foster Care):
Title IV-B is a Federal child welfare block grant that provides funds to states for foster care expenses. These funds are limited and once the federal funds are expended, foster care expenses are paid primarily with state funds. A child must have a determination that he is ineligible for IV-E in order to eligible for IV-B funding.

Initial:
Initial is a temporary funding source that is used when a child first enters foster care. Children are placed in “Initial” until a determination about IV-E eligibility can be made. Initial services are supported by Federal funds.
**Supplemental Security Income (SSI):**
SSI is a Federal payment program for disabled individuals. The Social Security Administration administers the program and determines whether or not a child is eligible for SSI based on their disability and other criteria. When a child is in DFCS custody and receives SSI, the county department becomes the payee for the child’s SSI check. Certain SSI children may also be eligible for IV-E payments.

**Child Support:**
Parents of children in foster care have an ongoing obligation to support their children. Parents may be financially responsible for expenses related to the care of their child in foster care and for providing health care coverage if it is available. Both parents of a child in foster care must be referred to Child Support Enforcement (CSE) unless the situation meets one of the exceptions noted in policy.

**Medicaid:**
The Medicaid program is a joint federal/state program that is authorized under the Social Security Act. Funds are available to states for providing medical services to eligible recipients and for reimbursing activities that support the administration of the Medicaid program. Children who are IV-E eligible and/or SSI eligible are automatically eligible for Medicaid. Children whose foster care is paid by state funds are not automatically eligible. A determination has to be made to see if the child qualifies and what type of Medicaid can be awarded. Generally, most children in foster care are eligible for Medicaid.
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UAS and Entitlement Codes
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Pre-Kindergarten Extended Day Child Care (Non-TANF)
Pre-Kindergarten Extended Day Child Care (TANF)
Not Currently Funded (1/2005)
Food Stamp E & T Incidentals for ABAWDS in Work Experience

IV-E Voluntary Family Foster Care
IV-E Voluntary Institutional Foster Care
IV-E Privately Specialized Family Foster Care – Licensed and Approved Private Foster Care Agencies
State-Privately Supervised Family Foster Care – Licensed and Approved Private Foster Care Agencies
Initial Privately Supervised Family Foster Care–Licensed and Approved Private Foster Care Agencies
Not Currently Funded (8/04)
Food Stamp E & T Incidentals for ABAWDS in Education/Training
Homestead Services
Parent Aide Services
IV-E Specialized Foster Care – State Approved Per Diem Waivers
IV-E Voluntary Specialized Foster Care–State Approved Per Diem Waivers
IV-E Related Specialized Foster Care (State)
Child Welfare Specialized Foster Care State Approved Per Diem Waivers
Child Welfare Specialized Foster Care (State)
Initial Specialized Foster Care State Approved Per Diem Waivers
Educational Related Expenses for Youth 21-25 (ILP)
College/Vocational Related Expenses (State)
Educational and Enrichment Expenses (State)
Transitional Living Program (TL)
Adoption Incentives – Second Grant
Family Services (CPPC Project)
Food Stamp E & T Incidentals for ABAWDS in other Activity
Not Currently Funded
Education and Training Vouchers (ETV)/ILP 100% Federal
Energy Benefits – H.E.A.T.
Not Currently Funded
IV-E Administration Cost/CPAs
CCI – Parental Custody
CPA – Parental Custody
New Programs

705  IV-E Institutional Foster Care – CCI Treatment Cost
735  Child Care TANF Diversion
763  IV-E Privately Specialized Family Foster Care – CPA Treatment Cost

773  PSSF – Crisis intervention and Placement
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774  PSSF – Family Support Services
783  PSSF – Time Limited Reunification Services
784  PSSF – Adoption Promotion and Support Services

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905  IV-E Institutional Foster Care – CCI Educational Cost
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Understanding Placement Authority

Children are placed in Foster Care under specific placement authority. DFCS must have valid placement authority for a child in order for the child to be potentially IV-E eligible. The County Department may gain placement authority for children in care by any of the following means:

**Superior court order -**

**Request for short-term emergency care -**

**Voluntary consent to place child in Foster Care i.e. Voluntary Placement Agreement (VPA) –**

**Voluntary surrender of parental rights -**

**Consent to remain in care - youth age 18 -**

**Juvenile court order terminating parental rights -**

**Juvenile court order giving temporary custody -**
Understanding the Juvenile Court Process

In Georgia, the juvenile court has exclusive jurisdiction over a child who is alleged to be deprived. The Juvenile Court issues court orders that contain a judicial determination that gives DFCS sole or joint custody for the care of the child.

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Or  
• Court issues order granting placement authority  
Or  
• Police removes child and obtains order from court authorizing DFCS to take placement responsibility | Child placed in protective custody (shelter care) |
| 72-hour hearing (Detention hearing)  
**IV-E eligibility requirement** | Court determines if probable cause exists | • Child returns home  
Or  
• Judge issues court order and child remains in shelter care |
| 10-day hearing (Adjudicatory hearing)  
**IV-E eligibility requirement** | • Are allegations true and  
• Is child “deprived” | • Child returns home  
Or  
• Child remains in care |
| Dispositional hearing | • Determines what actions are in the best interest of the child and  
• May incorporate Initial Case Plan | • Child returns home, possibly with supervision  
Or  
• Temporary legal custody transferred to DFCS and child remains in care |
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Understanding Placement Resources

Placement resources are the different options a SSCM has for placing children who are in Foster Care. The particular placement resource should be determined by the overall goal of the placement, the needs of the child and family, the strength of the placement resource in meeting those needs, and the availability of the resource. Placements should always be made based on a thorough understanding of these factors; however, where a child is placed also has implications for IV-E funding.

Relative Home -

Relative foster home –

Regular/Family Foster Home -

Foster/Adopt Homes -

Therapeutic Foster Care -

Institutional Foster Care -

Federal regulations require that the placement home or facility be fully approved and meet established standards in order to receive IV-E reimbursement. Federal requirements also specify what types of placements are IV-E reimbursable and what types are not. See the section on IV-E reimbursability for information on IV-E reimbursable placements.
IV-E Determination Process

Child Enters Foster Care

Initial Authorization Form Completed
Child’s funding Source is “Initial” (UAS code 503, 507, 579 or 565)

Medicaid and IV-E application completed
IV-E determination made by MES

Child Determined to Be IV-E Eligible
Child’s funding source is IV-E Foster Care
UAS codes: 501, 505, 529, 552, 560, 561, 562, 563, 574, or 575

Child determined to be ineligible for IV-E
Child’s funding source is IV-B (Child Welfare Foster Care)
UAS codes: 502, 506, 530, 542, 564, or 577
Section II
Initial Authorization and Medicaid

IV-E for Social Services
Case Managers
Initial Authorization

Determining IV-E eligibility can take some time because of all of the different elements that the MES worker has to look at. But, in the meantime, we have to have some way to cover the costs for children coming into foster care immediately. We do this by reporting a child as being in one of the following “Initial” Programs

- Initial Family Foster Care (UAS Code 503)
- Initial Institutional Foster Care (UAS Code 507)
- Initial SFC (specialized foster care) State Approved Per Diem Waiver (UAS code 579)
- Initial Privately Supervised FFC – Private Foster Care Agency (UAS code 565)

A child can be reported as being in Initial for up to six months.

- If the child is determined eligible for IV-E at any point during the first six months of care, he/she is immediately changed from Initial to IV-E. The effective date of IV-E eligibility will be indicated by the MES.

- If the child is determined to not be eligible for IV-E, the funding source will be changed from Initial to IV-B effective the first day of the month following month six.
INITIAL AUTHORIZATION EXAMPLES:

Example One:
Child enters foster care on October 22 and is reported in the Initial Program. On November 29, the MES makes the determination that IV-E eligibility requirements were met from day one. What would be the effective date of the change from Initial to IV-E?

Answer: The child would be reported as IV-E effective October 1.

Rationale: The effective date of IV-E is the 1st day of the month in which all IV-E eligibility requirements were met. In other words, even if the determination were not made until November 30, the child would still be eligible effective October 1.

Example Two:
Child enters foster care on October 22 and is reported in the Initial Program. The MES determines that the child is not eligible for IV-E. For which months could the child be reported as being in Initial? What would be the effective date of the change from Initial to IV-B?

Answer: The child would be reported in the Initial Program through March (6 months from the month child entered care). The child would be changed to IV-B effective April 1.

Rationale: In counting the six months of Initial, the month the child entered care is counted as month number one, even if the child was only in care for part of the month. In this example, October is month one although the child didn’t enter care until October 22.

Example Three:
Child enters foster care on October 22 and is reported in the Initial Program. The MES determines that the child is not eligible for IV-E. The child is placed with a relative on November 21. The child returns to a paid foster care placement on February 4. For which months could the child be reported as being in Initial? What would be the effective date of the change from Initial to IV-B?
**Answer:** The child would be reported in Initial through March and changed to IV-B effective April 1.

**Rationale:** If during the initial six months, the child goes from a foster home placement with per diem to a relative with no per diem, but legal custody is not returned, the six months run continuously from the date the child entered care. The key in this example is that legal custody remained with the Department.

**Example Four:**
Child enters care on October 22 and is reported in the Initial Program. The MES determines that the child is not eligible for IV-E. Physical and legal custody is returned to the parents on March 30. At the time the child went home, would he have been Initial or IV-B?

**Answer:**

**Rationale:**

The same child enters care again on June 4. Now what do we do? Is he Initial or IV-B?

**Answer:**

**Rationale:**
Section III
IV-E Eligibility

IV-E for Social Services
Case Managers
IV-E Eligibility

Eligibility refers to the initial determination for IV-E Foster Care. It is determined only once when a child enters care. Eligibility requires two basic criteria to be met:

1. The child enters Foster Care by court order with specific language or by a Voluntary Placement Agreement

2. The AFDC relatedness test for the eligibility month is met
IV-E Eligibility
Court Ordered Placement Authority

In order to establish IV-E eligibility for a child, the court order that gives DFCS placement authority must contain certain language that addresses the need for the child to be in foster care. These judicial determinations must be made within certain time periods and contain specific language in order for a child to be potentially IV-E eligible.

The **FIRST** court ruling signed by a judge sanctioning the removal of the child from the home must contain the exact language or **language to the effect** that:

- Continuation in the home is "**contrary to the welfare**" of the child
  OR
- Placement is in the "**best interest**" of the child

The next criterion is a second judicial determination that must be issued within **60 days** of the time the child is removed. These orders may be known by various names such as 10-day hearing, adjudicatory hearing, temporary custody order, or dispositional.

This order must contain reasonable efforts language:

- "**Reasonable efforts**” were made to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child from the home
  OR
- “**Reasonable efforts are/were not required**” to prevent removal of the child from the home
COURT ORDERED PLACEMENT EXAMPLES:

**Example One:**
The initial court order is issued on July 23, 2001 resulting in the removal of the child. The “best interest” language is used and the “reasonable efforts to prevent removal” language was included. Does this meet the court order language requirement for IV-E eligibility?

**Answer:** Yes.
**Rationale:** The child is potentially IV-E eligible because the “best interest” language was in the initial order and the “reasonable efforts” determination was made within 60 days.

**Example Two:**
The child was removed from the home on April 5, 2002. The initial court order sanctioning the removal of the child included the required “contrary to the welfare” language. A subsequent order with the “reasonable efforts were not required” language was issued on July 1, 2002. Does this meet the court order language requirements for IV-E eligibility, why or why not?

**Answer:** No.
**Rationale:** The child will not be IV-E eligible for this placement because the timeframe for the reasonable efforts language expired on June 4 (60 days after the child’s removal).

**Example Three:**
The initial court order issued on February 15, 2001 resulting in the removal of the child did not include the required language. A subsequent order was issued on March 18, 2001, which included the “contrary to the welfare” and “reasonable efforts” language. Does this meet the court order language requirement for IV-E eligibility?

**Answer:**

**Rationale:**
ACTIVITY

IDENTIFYING COURT ORDERS

Directions:

1. Look at the Case Example court orders in the Participant Guide

2. Work independently to review the court orders for this case.

   A. Identify and distinguish between the different types of court orders:
      - Complaint or Petition
      - Pick-up order
      - 72-hour
      - 10-day

   B. Decide whether or not the required language is included in these orders and whether or not the order was issued in the timeframe required for IV-E eligibility

3. Be prepared to share your answers with the larger group.
Court Orders

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**IV-E Training for Social Services**

Case Managers

12-06
See Exhibit "A" Attached.
EXHIBIT A

On 9-23-00 the children named above were taken into protective custody. At a
detention hearing held on 9-26-00 the children were returned to their mother on certain
conditions: (1) The mother shall submit to periodic random drug screens as requested by the
DFCS, and (2) the mother shall cooperate with the DFCS in its ongoing investigation of
reports of child neglect by the mother.

The DFCS has worked with the mother since the 9-23-00 court hearing in attempts to
prevent placement of the children in foster care.

In October, 2000 the mother had no heat source in the home. She was cooking on a
"hot plate." The DFCS expended P.U.P. funds to obtain heat for the home. The same month,
a church in paid the electric bill.

In November, 2000 the local ministerial alliance paid the mother's rent. The same
month, the mother's caseworker confirmed that there was little food in the home.

On 12-19-00, the mother tested positive for cocaine.

On 1-5-01 the mother tested positive for marijuana.

On 1-30-01, the mother tested positive for cocaine.

In February, 2001, the mother took the children out of school for approximately 5 days
while she traveled outside the state. While the mother was away the DFCS received several
reports that the mother had telephoned several persons in the area asking that they
send money for food and gasoline as they were stranded in a rest area on Highway 78 near
Memphis, TN. When the mother returned to she denied calling persons in, but did
admit that she and the children slept in their car in various rest areas.

On 2-21-01 the mother tested positive for marijuana.

On 2-27-01 all three children were found to be infested with head lice. Counselors
spoke with about the recent trip. said they slept in the car and got police
officers to give them food.

On 2-28-01 the mother refused a drug screen.

On 3-12-01 the mother refused a drug screen.

On 3-27-01 the mother refused a drug screen.

The home has been without electricity since 3-29-01.

On 5-3-01 the DFCS received a report that the mother was packing her car and
possibly preparing to move from County and the jurisdiction of this Court.
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF __________ COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:

DOB: 10-05-90

DOB: 02-21-92

DOB: 03-27-93

ORDER

The ________ County Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) having filed complaints and a petition alleging the children named above to be deprived children and it appearing from the sworn testimony of ________ caseworker of the DFCS, that the surroundings of the children are endangering to their health or welfare and that they may be removed from the jurisdiction of the Court and it further appearing that reasonable efforts have been made by the DFCS to prevent the need for removal and that it would be contrary to the welfare of the children to remain in the home at this time, it is hereby,

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Sheriff of ________ County or his lawful deputy shall take the children into immediate custody and deliver said children to the ________ County DFCS pending a detention hearing.

Let a copy of this Order be served upon the mother of the children.

SO ORDERED this 4th day of May, 2001.

Judge

County Juvenile Court

Filed with the Court
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF [REDACTED]

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:

DOB: 10-05-90

DOB: 02-21-92

DOB: 03-27-93

CASE NO.: 003-00J-156

CASE NO.: 003-00J-157

CASE NO.: 003-00J-158

ORDER

This case came on before the Court on May 7, 2001 for informal detention hearing pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-49 (c)(3). The Court finds as follows:

1. The children, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are presently in emergency shelter care having been placed in emergency shelter care on May 4, 2001 pursuant to order of this Court.

2. Although the Court had entered an order for the sheriff to take the child, [REDACTED], into custody, the said child was staying with his putative father, [REDACTED], in [REDACTED] County and the child was not taken into custody.

3. [REDACTED], mother of the children, was present at the detention hearing.

4. [REDACTED], father of the children was present at the detention hearing.
5. 

[Redacted] and [Redacted] should not be returned to the physical custody of their mother, as continued shelter care is necessary to protect the persons of the children and continuation in the home of the mother would be contrary to the welfare of the children.

6. 

[Redacted] should be placed in emergency shelter care in the custody of the Department of Family and Children Services in order to protect his person. Return of [Redacted] to the home of his mother would be contrary to his welfare.

7. 

Reasonable efforts have been made by the Department of Family and Children Services to prevent or eliminate the need for continued removal and to make it possible for said children to remain in the home of the mother. Further, reasonable efforts have been made since removal to reunite the children with their mother, therefore it is hereby ordered and adjudged that the children, [Redacted] and [Redacted] shall remain in emergency shelter care in the custody of the [Redacted] County Department of Family and Children Services pending an adjudicatory hearing which shall be held on May 15, 2001 at 2:00 o'clock P.M.

Further ordered that [Redacted] be and is hereby placed in emergency shelter care in the custody of the [Redacted] County Department of Family and Children Services pending an adjudicatory hearing which shall be held on May 15, 2001 at 2:00 o'clock P.M.
FURTHER ORDERED that the DFCS is authorized to place physical custody of the children with their father, pending the adjudicatory hearing.

SO ORDERED this 1/4 day of May, 2001.

Judge
County Juvenile Court

Order prepared by:

P.O. Box 2283
GA
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

CHILD'S NAME: 
CASE NO.: 003-00J-156
DATE OF BIRTH: 10-05-90
MOTHER'S NAME: 
MOTHER'S ADDR: Mobile Home Park, Road, GA
FATHER'S NAME: 
FATHER'S ADDR: 2137 Avenue, Georgia

CHILD'S NAME: 
CASE NO.: 003-00J-157
DATE OF BIRTH: 02-21-92
MOTHER'S NAME: 
MOTHER'S ADDR: Mobile Home Park, Road, GA
FATHER'S NAME: 
FATHER'S ADDR: 2137 Avenue, Georgia

CHILD'S NAME: 
CASE NO.: 003-00J-158
DATE OF BIRTH: 03-27-93
MOTHER'S NAME: 
MOTHER'S ADDR: Mobile Home Park, Road, GA
FATHER'S NAME: 
FATHER'S ADDR: 2137 Avenue, Georgia

HEARING DATE: May 15, 2001

TEMPORARY PLACEMENT ORDER

This matter came on to be heard before me on the date set forth above on a Petition filed by a representative of the County Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) alleging that the said minor children are deprived. The following persons were present at the hearing: , case manager with the DFCS; , Special Assistant Attorney General representing the DFCS.

Upon clear and convincing evidence the Court finds that the mother is presently incarcerated in the County jail being held without bond on the charge of aggravated assault. Prior to the mother's arrest case managers with the DFCS worked with her for approximately eight (8) months in an attempt to avoid removal of the children from her custody. In October, 2000 the mother had no heat source in the home. She was cooking on a "hot plate". The DFCS expended funds to obtain residential gas service at the home. In December, 2000 the mother tested positive for cocaine. Twice in
January 2001 the mother tested positive for illegal drugs: once for marijuana and once for cocaine. On February 21, 2001 the mother tested positive for marijuana. She refused drug screens on February 28, 2001, March 12, 2001, and March 27, 2001. In February, 2001 all three (3) children missed eight (8) consecutive days of school when the mother took the children on what she described as a "vacation". In January, 2001 the mother moved out of the mobile home which she and the children occupied with the mother's boyfriend. They moved into a mobile home occupied by an adult male. Photographs of the interior of that mobile home taken on May 3, 2001 depict clothing and trash scattered throughout. On a home visit made by a case manager there was no food in the home. In early May, 2001 the mother moved to a third mobile home.

Upon clear and convincing evidence, the Court finds as a fact that said minor children are deprived, that said children are subject to the jurisdiction of this Court; and that said children are in need of protection.

The Court further finds as a fact upon clear and convincing evidence that continuation in the home at this time would be contrary to the welfare of said children. The Court also finds as a fact that reasonable efforts have been made by the Department of Family Children Services of the Department of Human Resources to prevent or eliminate the need for removal and to make it possible for said children to remain in the home.

The Court further finds as a fact upon clear and convincing evidence that the children, [redacted] and [redacted] were removed from the mother’s home on May 4, 2001 and that the child, [redacted] was removed from the mother’s home on May 7, 2001.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that temporary custody of the minor children is granted to the County Department of Family and Children Services for a period of twelve (12) months from May 4, 2001. Said Department is authorized to provide any such medical treatment, hospitalization, and/or surgery as is considered necessary by competent medical authorities.

FURTHER ORDERED that the DFCS is authorized to place physical custody of the children with their biological father [redacted], effective May 15, 2001.

The Department of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Resources has submitted a written report to the Court which includes a case plan for a reunification of the family which shall become a discreet part of the case record and is appended hereto. Said report has been made available to the parents of the children, and five (5) days have passed and no hearing has been requested. Said case plans includes one or more of the following provisions: /a/ a requirement that the parent attend parenting classes provided by the Agency; /a/ a requirement that the parent undergo psychological and/or psychiatric evaluation and any recommended treatment; /X/ a requirement that the parent undergo alcohol and/or drug evaluation and any recommended treatment. If such provisions are included, the evaluation and treatment must be completed sufficiently to
remove the risk to the children prior to the parents being considered for a return of custody.

SO ORDERED this 4th day of May, 2000.

[Signature]
Judge
[County Juvenile Court]

Prepared by:
[Redacted]
P. O. Box 2283
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:

DOB: 10-05-90
A MINOR MALE CHILD

DOB: 02-21-92
A MINOR MALE CHILD

DOB: 03-27-93
A MINOR FEMALE CHILD

ORDER

The above styled matter having come on to be heard on the 26th day of September, 2002, before the undersigned Judge, pursuant to a Motion for Permanency Plan Hearing and Non-Reunification filed by the County Department of Family and Children Services (the Department), with all necessary and proper parties having been duly notified as provided for by law, and with the following persons having been present: , the alleged putative father of the above referenced minor children, having been present; , the Court appointed attorney representing the interest of the above referenced biological mother, having been present; Attorney , the Court appointed Guardian Ad Litem, representing the interest of the above referenced minor children, having been present; and the Department and its representative, , having been present and represented by attorney

WHEREFORE, the Court, after considering the Department's motion and all evidence submitted as provided for by law, hereby makes the following findings by clear and convincing evidence and in the best interest of the minor children:
FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

The above named minor children are of the names, ages, and sexes, stated herein. [Redacted] is the biological mother of the above referenced minor children. The current whereabouts of the biological mother are unknown. The biological mother was served by publication as provided for by law. On the 12th day of September, 2002, this Court issued an order perfecting said service by publication. [Redacted] is the alleged putative father of the above referenced minor children. The putative father is currently incarcerated in the common jail of [Redacted] County on felony drug charges. The putative father has been incarcerated for several months. The biological mother and the putative father were never married and the putative father has not legitimated the minor children. The putative father was personally served with notice of this hearing and was present at same. The biological mother was not present.

2.

On or about the 16th day of July, 2002, the Juvenile Court of [Redacted] County, Georgia, issued an order in the above referenced case pursuant to a Motion for Extension of Custody filed by the [Redacted] County Department of Family and Children Services. Said order found the minor children deprived and awarded their legal and physical custody to the Department for a period of twelve months. Said order, and all findings of fact and conclusions of law contained therein, is expressly incorporated by reference herein.

3.

Since the date of the aforementioned order, the parents have failed to make any meaningful effort towards compliance with the case plan directives of the Department. The biological mother has not had any contact with the minor children in over a one year period. In addition, the biological mother has not provided the Department with an address nor notified them of her current whereabouts. The biological mother has not complied with nor completed any of her reunification goals. In addition the biological mother has failed to provide any form of physical, financial, or emotional support for the minor children or maintain any meaningful relationship with said children for over a one year period. The biological mother has criminal charges pending in [Redacted] County,
Georgia and County, Georgia. The putative father is currently incarcerated in the common jail of County, Georgia, on felony charges of Violation of the Georgia Control Substances Act and has been so incarcerated for several months. The putative father has consented to the Department’s petition for non-reunification and has indicated his approval of the Department’s permanency plan of placement of the minor children with a fit and willing relative.

4. Pursuant to O.C.G.A § 15-11-58, there is a statutory presumption that reunification services should not be allowed or provided to the parents based upon the facts as stated above, and upon the fact that the parents have unjustifiably failed to comply with the case plan directives of the Department and have not provided any meaningful and consistent physical, emotional, or financial support for the minor children.

5. The minor children remain deprived as defined by O.C.G.A § 15-11-2(8). The parents misconduct, neglect, and lack of proper parental care and control is the cause of said deprivation and said deprivation is likely to continue. This continued deprivation is likely to cause serious physical, mental, emotional, or moral harm to the minor children.

6. The Department’s permanency plan for the minor children is non-reunification and placement with a fit and willing relative. The Court specifically approves of said plan and adopts same as being in the best interest and welfare of the minor children. The Court finds that reasonable efforts have been made, and continue to be made, to finalize and complete the Department’s stated permanency plan. In addition, the Court finds that reasonable efforts were made by the Department to reunite the minor children with the family, to prevent or eliminate the need for the removal of the minor children from the home and to make it possible for the minor children to return safely home. However, it continues to be contrary to the best interest and welfare of the minor children for them to return to the home. The parents have been provided with child protective and case management services and assistance and have been unwilling to avail themselves of said services, to the detriment of the minor children. In addition, the biological mother has
failed to keep the Department informed of her current address or whereabouts and has failed to attend case reviews. The Court finds that it would not be in the best interest and welfare of the minor children to continue any reunification efforts with the parents and said efforts are therefore ordered immediately terminated.

7.

Attorney [Redacted] the Court appointed Guardian Ad Litem representing the interest of the above referenced minor children, recommended that the Court grant the Department's Motion for Permanency Plan Hearing and Non-Reunification and approve of the stated permanency plan as being in the best interest and welfare of the minor children.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This Court concludes that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this action and that venue is proper in this Court. This Court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the above referenced minor children continue to be deprived within the meaning of O.C.G.A § 15-11-2(8) and that their legal and physical custody shall remain with the Department for a period of twelve (12) months.

The Court specifically approves of the Department's stated permanency plan of non-reunification and placement with a fit and willing relative and adopts same as being in the best interest and welfare of said minor children. The Department shall continue to use reasonable efforts at finalizing its stated permanency plan. The Department is authorized to obtain any necessary medical care or treatment for the benefit of the minor children. Any visitation with the minor children shall be at the discretion of the Department. The Court finds that any continued efforts to reunify the family are no longer appropriate nor in the best interest and welfare of the minor children and shall therefore be immediately terminated.

The Court directs that any foster parents with whom the minor children are placed are authorized to remove the children from the State of Georgia throughout the normal course of their family and/or business affairs and to travel outside the state with the children for brief periods of time not to exceed fourteen (14) consecutive days. The parents shall continue to comply with any case plan directives developed by the Department. The parents shall keep the Department informed of their current addresses
and telephone numbers. Unless modified or extended by this Court, this order shall expire on the 26th day of September, 2003.


, Judge
County Juvenile Court

Order prepared by:
Special Assistant Attorney General
Court Orders

Case Example Number Two
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF ________________ COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:

* JUVENILE CASE NO: 003-99J-141
D/O/B: 07-13-96

ORDER

This case came on before the Court on June 28, 1999 for an informal detention hearing pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-21 (c) (3). The Court finds as follows:

1. The child, __________, d/o/b: 07-13-96, is presently in emergency shelter care having been placed in emergency shelter care on June 24, 1999.

2. __________, mother of the child, was present and in court. She is an indigent person as defined by O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-30(a) and is entitled to court-appointed counsel.

3. The child should not be returned to the physical custody of her mother as continued shelter care is necessary to protect the person of the child and continuation in the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child.

4. Reasonable efforts have been made by the Department of Family and Children Services to prevent or eliminate the need for
removal and to make it possible for said child to remain in the home. Further, reasonable efforts have been made since removal to reunite the child with the mother, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the child shall remain in shelter care in the custody of the [County] County Department of Family and Children Services pending an Adjudicatory Hearing.

FURTHER ORDERED that [Attorney], attorney at law, be and is hereby appointed to represent the mother at all stages of the proceedings. Let a copy of this order be served upon said attorney.

SO ORDERED this [ ] day of [ ], 1999.

[Signature]
Judge
[County] County Juvenile Court

Order Prepared By:
IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR THE

COUNTY OF __________, STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:

CHILD’S NAME: __________

CASE NUMBER: 003-993-141

DATE OF BIRTH: 07-13-96

MOTHER’S NAME: __________

MOTHER’S ADDRESS: 419 E. 8th St., _______ GA _______

FATHER’S NAME: __________

FATHER’S ADDRESS: Unknown

DATE OF HEARING: July 15, 1999

TEMPORARY PLACEMENT ORDER

This matter came on to be heard before me on the date set forth above on a Petition filed by a representative of the County Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) alleging that the said minor child is deprived. The following persons were present at the hearing: __________ and her court-appointed attorney, __________, case manager with the County DFCS; __________, Special Assistant Attorney General representing the DFCS.

Upon clear and convincing evidence, the Court finds as a fact that said minor child is deprived; that said child is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court; and that said child is in need of protection.

The Court further finds as a fact upon clear and convincing evidence that this Court previously found the child to be a deprived child but continued her in the custody of her mother upon certain conditions. In addition to violating certain of those conditions the mother tested positive for cocaine on April 2, 1999. The mother also failed to enroll in the Program as instructed. The mother tested positive for cocaine on July 13, 1999. On June 23, 1999 the mother was arrested and charged with violation of the Georgia Controlled Substances Act in that she allegedly sold crack cocaine to an undercover agent. A video tape of the transaction reveals that the mother had the child with her during the transaction and at one point left the child in a car with the undercover agent while the mother allegedly went to obtain crack cocaine for the undercover agent.

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The Court further finds as a fact upon clear and convincing evidence that continuation in the home at this time would be contrary to the welfare of said child. The Court also finds as a fact that reasonable efforts have been made by the Department of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Resources to prevent or eliminate the need for removal and to make it possible for said child to remain in the home.

The Court further finds as a fact upon clear and convincing evidence that the child was removed from the home on June 24, 1999.

The Department of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Resources has submitted a written report to the Court which includes a case plan for a reunification of the family which shall become a discrete part of this case record and is appended hereto. Said report has been made available to the parent of the child, and five days have passed and no hearing has been requested. Said case plan includes one or more of the following provisions: / / a requirement that the parent attend parenting classes provided by the Agency; / / a requirement that the parent undergo psychological and/or psychiatric evaluation and any recommended treatment; /x/ a requirement that the parent undergo alcohol and/or drug evaluation and any recommended treatment. If such provisions are included, the evaluation and treatment must be completed sufficiently to remove the risk to the child prior to the parent being considered for a return of custody.

The case plan referred to above has been considered at a meeting held by the Department of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Resources in consultation with the mother on July 22, 1999.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that temporary custody of the minor child is granted to the County Department of Family and Children Services for a period of twelve (12) months from June 24, 1999 which was the date of original placement. Said Department is authorized to provide any such medical treatment, hospitalization, and/or surgery as is considered necessary by competent medical authorities. Further, the Court finds that the child should continue in the current custodial placement and that the current placement is appropriate for the child's needs.

FURTHER ORDERED that the DFCS shall evaluate the home of any relative of the child as a placement resource if the DFCS should be requested to do so by such relative.

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SO ORDERED this 4th day of 1995.

Judge

Pro Hae Vice

County Juvenile Court

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Attorney for the mother

Special Asst.
Attty. General representing the DFCS

Order Prepared By:
Court Orders

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Child’s mother attempted suicide during the night for the second time in two weeks. Mother has a substance abuse problem. No relatives could be located to care for the children.
ORDER FOR SHELTER CARE

WHEREAS a complaint has been made to the Court concerning the above-named children and the Court finding from information brought before it that continuation in the home at this time would be contrary to the welfare of said children and it is necessary for the protection of said children that they be placed in shelter care.

The Court also finds pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated section 15-11-41(b) that:

( ) reasonable efforts have been made by the Department of Family and Children Services to prevent or eliminate the need for removal and to make it possible for said children to remain in the home.

( ) reasonable efforts were not appropriate or in the best interest of the children to prevent or eliminate the need for removal.

( ) reasonable efforts have been made since removal to reunite the children with the family.

It is therefore ORDERED that said children be placed in the custody of the Georgia Department of Human Resources acting through the [_insert county] Department of Family and
Children Services until further order of the Court or until released by a person duly authorized by the Court.

Said children are being placed pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated section 15-11-18 for the following reason(s):

( ) to protect the person or property of others or of the children;

( ) the children may abscond or be removed from the jurisdiction of the Court;

(✓) because they have no parent, guardian, or custodian or other person able to provide supervision and care for him and return him to the Court when required;

( ) an order for his detention or shelter care has been made by the Court pursuant to the Juvenile Proceedings Code.

It is further ORDERED that the placement shall be: FOSTER CARE Through

[Redacted] County Department of Family and Children Services

It is further ORDERED that the custodian be and hereby is authorized to obtain a physical examination; ordinary medical care, and such additional medical treatment and care which, in the opinion of a licensed physician, requires prompt treatment for the care of the said children while said children are in their custody.

SO ORDERED. this the 28th day of May, 1997.

[Signature]

HON. ROGER [Redacted]
JUDGE, JUVENILE COURT
[Redacted], GEORGIA
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF [REDACTED] COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:  

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Case No. 90-971-112  

Case No. 90-971-113  

**PETITION (DEPRIVATION)**  
Children under 18 years of age.

1. Your petitioner alleges the children named above to be of the sexes and ages and to have the name set forth above, that the (Putative) father of [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] whose current whereabouts are unknown, the (Putative) father of [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] whose current address is [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Georgia; the mother of said children is [REDACTED], who currently resides at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] County, Georgia; said children are in the custody and control of the Georgia Department of Human Resources, acting through the [REDACTED] County Department of Family and Children Services; that said children are subject to the jurisdiction of this Court;

2. That said children are in need of protection of this Court and are deprived (O.C.G.A. section 15-11-2 (8)) due to the following conditions:
On or about the late evening of May 26, 1997 or the early morning of May 27, 1997 the natural mother of the children attempted to commit suicide by ingesting an excessive number of aspirin. This was the second such attempt by the mother in two weeks. The mother and the minor children were residing at the time with the maternal grandparents. However, the maternal grandparents had gone away for the weekend. County DFCS received a report regarding the situation on or about May 27, 1997 and took the minor children into protective custody. Due to the attempted suicide, the mother of the minor children had to be hospitalized and no other relatives could be located at that time to care for the minor children.

As a result of the foregoing conditions, the minor children are without proper parental care or control, subsistence, education as required by law, or other care or control necessary for their physical, mental or emotional health or morals.

3. That said children were taken into custody under the provisions of 1.C.G.A. section 15-11-17(a)(4).

4. That it is in the best interest of the children and the public that this proceeding be brought.

5. That said children are currently in shelter care facilities under the supervision of the Georgia Department of Human Resources acting through the County Department of Family and Children Services, having been placed there on May 27, 1997.

Petitioner prays that process issue, directed to the parties hereto, requiring them to appear before this Court to answer the allegations of this petition.
Exhibit "A"

In the Juvenile Court of [Redacted] County
State of Georgia

In the interest of:

[Redacted]

Sex: Female
Born: 08/22/90
Age: 6 years old

[Redacted]
Sex: Male
Born: 03/25/87
Age: 10 years old

Affidavit of Efforts

Appearing before me, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths, JUNE [Redacted], who, having been duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. My name is JUNE [Redacted]. My address is [Redacted] County Department of Family and Children Services, Post Office [Redacted] County, Georgia, 30824.

2. I am over the age of majority, suffer from no legal disabilities, and make this affidavit freely and from my own personal knowledge for use in the above-captioned case.

3. I am employed as a Social Services Specialist Case Manager for the [Redacted] Department of Family and Children Services.

4. I do hereby state that I have made the following reasonable efforts on behalf of the above-
named children, prior to the children’s placement in foster care, to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the children from the home, and to make it possible for the children to return to the home:

(A) This is an emergency situation. Said children were taken into the protective custody of the [redacted] County Department of Family and Children Services on May 27, 1997, as a result of their mother attempting to commit suicide. The agency was unable to locate any other relatives to care for the children and no other suitable caretaker could be found.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT:

JUNE [redacted]
Social Services Case Manager

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this the 30 day of May, 1997.

[redacted]
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: [redacted]

The Court finds as of this date, if signed below, that the steps taken as outlined above are reasonable efforts to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the children from their home, or to make it possible for the children to return home. This finding is subject to review in any subsequent proceeding brought to determine future custody or termination of parental rights.

[redacted]
Date

[redacted]
Judge, Juvenile Court
[redacted] Judicial Circuit
IN THE INTEREST OF:

CHILD'S NAME: [redacted]  Case No. 097-973-112
DATE OF BIRTH: 05/22/90
MOTHER'S NAME: [redacted]
MOTHER'S ADDRESS: 3157 Sprocket Road, [redacted]
FATHER'S NAME: [redacted]
FATHER'S ADDRESS: Current Whereabouts Unknown

CHILD'S NAME: [redacted]  Case No. 097-973-112
DATE OF BIRTH: 08/25/87
MOTHER'S NAME: [redacted]
MOTHER'S ADDRESS: 3157 Sprocket Road, [redacted]
FATHER'S NAME: [redacted]
FATHER'S ADDRESS: 3157 Sprocket Road, Georgia

DATE OF HEARING: June 9, 1997

TEMPORARY PLACEMENT ORDER

This matter came on to be heard before me on the date set forth above on a Petition filed by a representative of the [redacted] County Department of Family and Children Services alleging that the said minor children are deprived. The following persons were present at the hearing:

SSCM, [redacted] County Department of Family and Children Services; Jimmy D. [redacted] Guardian Ad Litem for the minor children; Ronald and Judy [redacted] the maternal biological grandparents; Fred [redacted] and a SAAG representative.

The petition was presented on the basis that:

On or about the late evening of May 26, 1997 or the early morning of May 27, 1997 the natural mother of the children attempted to commit suicide by ingesting an excessive number of aspirin. This was the second such attempt by the mother in two weeks. The mother and the minor children were residing at the time with the maternal grandparents, [redacted] however, the maternal grandparents had gone away for the weekend. [redacted] County DFCS received a report regarding the situation on or about May 27, 1997 and took the minor children into protective custody. Due to the attempted suicide, the mother of the minor children had to be hospitalized and no other relatives could be located at that time to care for the minor children. The
mother of the minor. As a result of the foregoing conditions, the minor children are without proper parental care or control, subsistence, education as required by law, or other care or control necessary for their physical, mental or emotional health or morals.

Upon clear and convincing evidence, or upon stipulation of the parent(s) or guardian in open Court, the Court finds as a fact that said minor children are deprived, that said minor children are subject to the jurisdiction of this Court, and that said minor children are in need of protection.

The Court further finds as a fact upon clear and convincing evidence that continuance in the home at this time would be contrary to the welfare of said children. The Court also finds as a fact that reasonable efforts have been made by the Department of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Resources to prevent or eliminate the need for removal and to make it possible for said children to remain in the home.

The Court further finds as a fact upon clear and convincing evidence that the children were removed from the home on May 27, 1997.

The Department of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Resources has submitted a written report to the Court which includes a case plan for permanent reunification with the family which shall become a discrete part of the case record and is appended hereto. Said report has been made available to the parent(s) or guardian of the child, and five days have passed and no hearing has been requested. Said case plan includes one or more of the following provisions: /_/ a requirement that the parent attend parenting classes provided by the Agency; /_/ a requirement that the parent undergo psychological and/or psychiatric evaluation and any recommended treatment; /_/ a requirement that the parent undergo alcohol and/or drug evaluation and any recommended treatment. If such provisions are included, the evaluation and treatment must be completed sufficiently to remove the risk to the child prior to the parent being considered for a return of custody.
The case plan referred to above has been considered at a meeting held by the Department of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Resources in consultation with the parent(s) and children on 6/10/97.

The Court finds as follows:

Said case plan as set out by the County Department of Family and Children Services is adequate and appropriate to meet the goal of reunification with the minor children’s family as outlined therein, and is made in the best interest of the children and the public.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that temporary custody of the minor children is granted to the County Department of Family and Children Services until further order of this Court. Said Department is authorized to provide any such medical treatment, hospitalization, and/or surgery as is considered necessary by competent medical authorities. Further, the Court finds that the children continue in the current custodial placement and that the current placement is appropriate for the children’s needs.

SO ORDERED this 15th day of July, 1997.

HON.
JUDGE, JUVENILE COURT
GEORGIA
Court Orders

Case Example Number Four
| Name: |  
| Case Manager: | 
| Race: | B 
| Sex: | M 
| Child's Address: | GA 
| Mother's Name: | 
| Phone: | 
| GA: | 
| Father's Address: | Unknown 
| Complainant: | Deprivation 
| Taken into Custody: | Yes (X) No ( ) 
| By Whom: | 
| Date of Placement: | 1-6-00 
| Placed in Foster Care: | Date 
| Person Hired: | Via 
| Detained: | Yes ( ) No ( ) 
| Authorized By: | 
| Released To: | 
| Perpetrator: | 
| Victim's Name: | 
| Victim's Phone: | 
| Victim's Address: | 

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was born 1-3-00. He and mother tested positive for cocaine. Mother had no prenatal care. This agency had been working with since 11-98 regarding substance abuse treatment and parenting because she had a baby 11-98 and she and baby were positive for marijuana and cocaine. He had not complied with case plans for treatment.
ORDER FOR SHELTER CARE

IN THE JUvenile COURT OF

COUNTY, GEORGIA

JANUARY 12, 2000

In the interest of:

SEX F AGE ___ DOB 7-22-96 CASE #
SEX M AGE ___ DOB 9-5-92 CASE #
SEX M AGE ___ DOB 1-3-00 CASE #
SEX ___ AGE ___ DOB _____ CASE #

WHEREAS a complaint has been made to the court concerning the above-named child(ren) and the court finding from information brought before it that continuation in the home at this time would be contrary to the welfare of said child(ren) and it is necessary for the protection of said child(ren) that he/she/they be placed in shelter care.

The court also finds that pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Ann. §15-11-41(b):

( ) reasonable efforts have not been made by the Department of Family and Children Services to prevent or eliminate the need for removal and to make it possible for said child to remain in the home.
( ) reasonable efforts were not appropriate or in the best interest of the child to prevent or eliminate the need for removal.
( ) reasonable efforts have/have not been made since removal to reunite the child(ren) with the family.

It is therefore ordered that said child(ren) be placed in the custody of ________________ until further order of the court or until released by a person duly authorized by the court.

Said child(ren) is/are being placed pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Ann. §15-11-18 for the following reasons:

( ) to protect the person or property of others or of the child;
( ) the child may abscond or be removed from the jurisdiction of the court;
( ) because he has no parent, guardian, or custodian or other person able to provide supervision and care for him and return him to the court when required.
( ) an order for his detention or shelter care has been made by the court pursuant to the Juvenile Proceedings Code.

It is further ordered that the placement shall be: ________________

supervised by ________________

It is further ordered that the custodian be and hereby is authorized to obtain a physical examination, ordinary medical care, and such additional medical treatment and care which, in the opinion of a licensed physician, requires prompt treatment for the care of the said child(ren) while said child(ren) is/are in his/her/its custody.

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED

this __ day of __________., 2000.

________________________
Judge Associate Judge of the Juvenile Court

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Case Managers

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IN THE INTEREST OF:

DOB: 4-22-91

DOB: 9-15-92

DOB: 1-3-00

CASE NUMBER: 

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reasonable efforts have been made by the Department of Family and Children Services to prevent or eliminate the need for removal and to make it possible for said child to remain in the home.

( ) reasonable efforts were not appropriate or in the best interest of the child to prevent or eliminate the need for removal.

( ) reasonable efforts have been made since removal to reunite the child with the family.

It is therefore ordered that said child be placed in the custody of the DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES until further order of the Court or until released by a person duly authorized by the Court.

Said child is being placed pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-18 for the following reason(s):

( ) to protect the person or property of others or of the child;
the child may abscond or be removed from the jurisdiction of the Court.

because he has no parent, guardian, or custodian or other person able to provide supervision and care for him and return him to the Court when required.

An order for his detention or shelter care has been made by the Court pursuant to the Juvenile Proceedings Code.

It is further ordered that the placement shall be: approved foster home.

It is further ordered that the custodian be and hereby is authorized to obtain a physical examination, ordinary medical care, and such additional medical treatment and care which, in the opinion of a licensed physician, requires prompt treatment for the care of the said child while said child is in their custody.

It is further ordered that the parents, guardians, custodians and other family members shall cooperate and participate in the completion of a comprehensive family assessment, the results of which are to be submitted to the multi-disciplinary team and the Court.

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THIS 7 day of Jan., 199

Judge, Juvenile Court
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:

DOB: 04/22/91
Sex: Female
Race: Black

DOB: 01/03/00
Sex: Male
Race: Black

DOB: 09/15/92
Sex: Male
Race: Black

CASE NO.   

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CASE NO. 0

IN THE INTEREST OF
THE ABOVE NAMED CHILDREN
UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS
OF AGE.

PETITION ALLEGING CHILDREN TO BE DEPRIVED

The children upon whose behalf this petition is brought
are the above named children and are of the sex and age as
above set forth.

1.
The natural mother of said children is
and her address is Route

2.
The natural father of said M and M is
and his whereabouts are unknown. The
natural father of said J is and his
last known address is

IN THE INTEREST OF:

DOB: 04/22/91
Sex: Female
Race: Black

DOB: 01/03/00
Sex: Male
Race: Black

DOB: 09/15/92
Sex: Male
Race: Black
3.

The above-named children are deprived in that they are without proper parental care or control necessary for their physical, mental, and emotional health.

4.

It is in the best interest of the children and the public that this proceeding be brought to determine whether or not the above-named children are deprived.

5.

Said children are currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Human Resources, acting by and through the [Redacted] Department of Family and Children Services.

WHEREFORE, petitioner respectfully demands that the Court inquire into the allegations contained herein and determine whether said children are deprived, and make such disposition as is found to be proper, as provided by law.

103 Courthouse Square
ORDER

This case having come before the Court for hearing on February 3, 2000, seeking to have the above-named children declared to be deprived, after hearing testimony and reviewing evidence, and by agreement of the parties, the Court enters the following order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

The children upon whose behalf this petition is brought are the above-named children and are of the age and sex as above set forth.

The natural mother of said children is [redacted], and her address is [redacted]. She was properly served, and did appear at the hearing.

The natural father of said children [redacted] is [redacted], and his whereabouts are unknown. The
natural father of said [redacted] is [redacted] and his last known address is [redacted]. He did not appear at the hearing.

Based upon evidence and testimony presented by the Georgia Department of Human Resources acting by and through the [redacted] of Family and Children Services, and by agreement of the parties, the Court finds that said children are deprived with clear and convincing evidence in that they are without proper parental care, control and supervision for their physical, mental and emotional health and specifically because the agency has been working with the natural mother since November of 1998 when the natural mother and her new born baby tested positive for marijuana and cocaine. The natural mother has not been compliant in completing her case plan goals for treatment. On January 3, 2000, the natural mother had another child. Both the natural mother and the baby tested positive for cocaine. The natural mother had received no prenatal care. Therefore, legal custody of said children is hereby vest in the Georgia Department of Human Resources acting by and through the [redacted] Department of Family and Children Services.

The Court further finds that continuation in the home would be contrary to the welfare of the children and that reasonable efforts were made to prevent or eliminate the need for the removal of the children and to make it possible for them to remain in the home.
The permanency plan in this case is reunification.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Court has jurisdiction over the above-named children, the natural mother, the natural fathers, and the subject matter of this petition. Venue is proper in this case based on O. C. G. A. 15-11-15, in that said children reside in [redacted].

It is in the best interest of the public and of the above-named children that this petition be brought.

Based upon the foregoing evidence, and by agreement of the parties, the Court concludes that the Petitioner has established by clear and convincing evidence that the Department of Human Resources, acting by and through the [redacted] of Family and Children Services, The Petitioner is authorized to have access to the juvenile records of the above named children during the pendency of this order, or any extensions of the same.

This order will expire on the 4th day of January, 2001, unless renewed by the Court.

SO ORDERED, this 3rd day of [redacted], 2000.

JUDGE, JUVENILE COURT
COUNTY, GEORGIA
Model Court Orders
IN THE INTEREST OF:

SEX: __ DOB: __________ CASE #

SEX: __ DOB: __________ CASE #

SEX: __ DOB: __________ CASE #

Children Under 18 Years of Age

ORDER FOR SHELTER CARE

A complaint has been made to the Court concerning the above-named child(ren). The Court finds from information brought before it that continuation in the home at this time would be contrary to the welfare of said child(ren) and it is necessary for the protection of said child(ren) that he/she/they be placed in shelter care because

reasonable efforts have been made by the Department to preserve and reunify the family prior to the placement of the child(ren) in foster care, to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child(ren) from the child(ren)’s home and to make it possible for said child(ren) to remain safely in the home, to wit:

reasonable efforts by the Department to preserve and reunify the family prior to the placement of the child(ren) in foster care, to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child(ren) from the child(ren)’s home and to make it possible for said child(ren) to remain safely in the home were not required pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-58 (a)(4) (A-C) because:

the Department failed to make reasonable efforts to preserve and reunify the family prior to the placement of the child(ren) in foster care, to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child(ren) from the child(ren)’s home and to make it possible for said child(ren) to remain safely in the home. The following efforts would have been reasonable to prevent or eliminate the need for removal:

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that said child(ren) be placed in the custody of __________ until further Order of the Court or until released by a person duly authorized by the Court. Said child(ren) is/are being placed pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Ann. Section 15-11-46 for the following reasons:

( ) to protect the person or property of others or of the child(ren);

( ) the child(ren) may abscond or be removed from the jurisdiction of the court;

( ) because he/she/they have no parent, guardian, or custodian or other person able to provide supervision and care for him/her/them and return him/her/them to the Court when required;

( ) an Order for his/her/their detention or shelter care has been made by the Court pursuant to the Juvenile Proceedings Code.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-46(f), the Court approves the following physical placement of the child(ren): __________________________ pending the 72 Hour Hearing on __________ at __________ at __________.

It is further ordered that the custodian be and hereby is authorized to obtain a physical examination, ordinary medical care, and such additional medical treatment and care which, in the opinion of a licensed physician, requires prompt treatment for the care of said child(ren) while said child(ren) is/are in his/her/their custody.

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this _____ day of __________, __________.

JUDGE

County Juvenile Court

IV-E Training for Social Services
Case Managers 75 12-06
IN THE INTEREST OF:  

SEX  DOB:  CASE#  

SEX  DOB:  CASE#  

SEX  DOB:  CASE#  

SEX  DOB:  CASE#  

Child(ren) Under the Age of 13

72 HOUR HEARING ORDER

The above and foregoing matter is before the Court for a 72 Hour Hearing based upon a (Complaint)(Petition) filed by the Georgia Department of Human Resources by and through the ________________ County DFACS/_____________________________ alleging the above named child(ren) to be deprived. Present in / for Court were:

(  ) Mother ___________________________  (  ) Attorney ________________________________

(  ) Father of ________________________

(Legal) __________________________  (  ) Attorney ________________________________

(Futative) _________________________  (  ) Attorney ________________________________

(  ) Father of ________________________

(Legal) __________________________  (  ) Attorney ________________________________

(Futative) _________________________  (  ) Attorney ________________________________

(  ) DFACS _________________________  (  ) SAAG ________________________________

(  ) Other Complainant ________________________  (  ) Attorney ________________________________

(  ) Guardian ad Litem ________________________________

(  ) Other ________________________________

The following part(y)ies was not/were not present: ________________________________

He/She/They was/were (not) notified of the proceedings as follows: ________________________________

(  ) Prior to the call of the matter for hearing, or during the course of the hearing, the parties conferred and the (mother)(father) consented to temporary custody and control of said child(ren) being placed with the following individual or agency: ________________________________
Based upon the evidence presented [or consent of the parent(s)], the Court finds that there is probable cause to believe the above named child(ren) is/are deprived pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-2(8)(A):

Based upon the evidence presented, the Court does not find that there is probable cause to believe the above named child(ren) to be deprived. Accordingly, the Complaint is HEREBY DISMISSED.

The __________ County Department of Family and Children Services made reasonable efforts to preserve and reunify the family prior to the placement of the child(ren) in foster care, to prevent or eliminate the need for the removal of the child(ren) from his/her/their home, and to make it possible for the child(ren) to return safely home:

Reasonable efforts by the __________ County Department of Family and Children Services to preserve and reunify the family prior to the placement of the child(ren) in foster care, to prevent or eliminate the need for the removal of the child(ren) from his/her/their home, and to make it possible for the child(ren) to return safely home were not required under O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-58(4)(A-C) because:

The __________ County Department of Family and Children Services failed to make reasonable efforts to preserve and reunify the family prior to the placement of the child(ren) in foster care, to prevent or eliminate the need for the removal of the child(ren) from his/her/their home, and to make it possible for the child(ren) to return safely home. The following efforts would have been reasonable to prevent or eliminate the need for removal:

This is a private deprivation matter in which DFACS is not involved. The child(ren) is not /are not placed in foster care. Reasonable efforts are not an issue.

Continuation in the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child(ren) and removal of the child(ren) from his/her/their home is in his/her/their best interest because

Continuation in the home would not be contrary to the welfare of the child(ren). The Court finds that the risk can be managed with the child(ren) in the home provided that the parent(s) and DFACS comply with the following conditions:
Therefore, the child(ren) is not / are not removed from the custody of ____________________________.

( ) IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that temporary custody of the above named child(ren) should be and is HEREBY PLACED in ______ County DFACS / ________________________ pending the filing of a Petition and an Adjudicatory Hearing to be scheduled in this Court (now scheduled for: __________________ et _____, _____). DFACS shall begin reasonable efforts to locate a relative or other person with a committed relationship to the child(ren) who may serve as a placement resource for the family.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following home evaluation(s) be performed:

________________________________________________________________________

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

________________________________________________________________________

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the named custodian is hereby authorized to obtain for this/these child(ren) physical examinations, ordinary medical care, and such additional medical treatment and care which, in the opinion of a licensed physician, is necessary for the care and well being of the child(ren).

Unless otherwise noted, all parties named as present at the 72 Hour Hearing were given a copy of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED this _____ day of ____________________, 20_____.

________________________________________
JUDGE
________________________ County Juvenile Court

(If applicable) Consented to by:

Mother

Attorney for mother

Father

Attorney for father

Father

Attorney for father

Other Petitioner

Petitioner's Attorney

SAAG

Guardian ad Litem
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF ______________ COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:

_____________ SEX: ___ DOB: _______ CASE # _____________
_____________ SEX: ___ DOB: _______ CASE # _____________
_____________ SEX: ___ DOB: _______ CASE # _____________
_____________ SEX: ___ DOB: _______ CASE # _____________

Child(ren) Under 18 Years of Age

ORDER OF ADJUDICATION and DISPOSITION

The above and foregoing matter came before the Court on ________________, for an
Adjudicatory Hearing based upon a Petition filed by the Georgia Department of Human
Resources by and through the ____________ County Department of Family and Children
Services alleging the above named child(ren) to be deprived.

Based upon the evidence presented, the Court makes the following Findings of Fact and
Conclusions of Law by clear and convincing evidence.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Present in Court were:

( ) Mother__________________________ ( ) Attorney__________________________

( ) Father
   (Legal) ___________________________ ( ) Attorney__________________________
   (Putative) _________________________ ( ) Attorney__________________________

( ) DFACS__________________________ ( ) SAAG__________________________

( ) Other Petitioner__________________ ( ) Attorney__________________________

( ) Guardian ad Litem_________________

( ) Other_____________________________

The following interested part(y)(ies) was/were NOT present: ________________________
2. The child(ren) is/are of the age and sex and has/have the name(s) set forth above. (The child(ren) is/are (a) resident(s) of ___________________________ County, (Georgia). (The child(ren) was/were physically present in this county at the time of the filing of the Petition.)

3. The mother of the child(ren), __________________________, was/was not present in Court for the hearing. She was notified of the proceedings by (personal service) (certified mail) (publication). (She was not notified of the proceedings because ___________________________.)

The (legal) (biological) (putative) father of the child(ren), __________________________, was/was not present in Court for the hearing. He was notified of the proceedings by (personal service) (certified mail) (publication). (He was not notified of the proceedings because ________ ___________________________.)

4. (facts showing deprivation)

5. (Facts outlining the efforts to prevent removal and make the child(ren)'s return home possible) (or facts showing that the Department has not made reasonable efforts) or

The Court finds that based upon the Affidavit of Efforts filed by the ______________ County Department of Family and Children Services attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein, said Department made reasonable efforts to preserve and reunify the family prior to the placement of the child(ren) in foster care, to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child(ren) from the home and to make it possible for the child(ren) to return home.

6. The Court finds the gross income of the mother is $___________ per __________.

The Court finds the gross income of the (legal) (biological) (putative) father is $_________ per __________.
The Court (does) (does not) find facts regarding special circumstances pursuant to O.C.G.A. §19-6-15(c).

Facts regarding special circumstances are as follows: ____________________________

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the above findings of fact, the Court concludes as follows:

The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action and personal jurisdiction over the child(ren), mother and (legal) (biological) (putative) father. Venue is proper in this Court.

This/These child(ren) is/are (a) deprived child(ren) as defined in O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-2(3)(A) in that he/she/they is/are without proper parental care or control, subsistence, education as required by law, or other care or control necessary for his/her/their physical, mental or emotional health or morals. The causes of the deprivation as to the mother are:

( ) Physical abuse
( ) Emotional abuse
( ) Medical Neglect
( ) Educational Neglect
( ) Abandonment
( ) Neglect/Failure to Provide adequate support for child(ren) due to unstable or irregular employment
( ) (Perpetration of) (Failure to Protect from) Domestic Violence
( ) Other ____________________________

The causes of deprivation as to the (legal) (biological) (putative) father are:

( ) Physical abuse
( ) Emotional abuse
( ) Medical Neglect
( ) Educational Neglect
( ) Sexual abuse
( ) Neglect/Lack of Supervision
( ) Neglect/Inadequate Housing
( ) Substance Abuse by Parent
( ) Abandonment  ( ) Mental/Physical Impairment of Parent

( ) Neglect/Failure to Provide adequate support for child(ren) due to unstable or irregular employment

( ) (Perpetration of) (Failure to protect from) Domestic Violence

( ) Other

The ________ County Department of Family and Children Services made reasonable efforts to preserve and reunify the family prior to the placement of the child(ren) in foster care, to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child(ren) from the home and to make it possible for the child(ren) to return home. **The reason(s) the child(ren) cannot be adequately and safely protected at home is/are** ________________________________

Therefore, continuation in the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child(ren) and removal of the child(ren) from the home is in the best interest of the child(ren).

Any of the “Findings of Fact” herein which should have been properly classified by the Court as “Conclusions of Law” shall be considered as “Conclusions of Law” and any “Conclusions of Law” which should have been properly classified as “Findings of Fact” shall be considered as “Findings of Fact.”

**TEMPORARY DISPOSITION**

Temporary custody and control of the child(ren) is HEREBY AWARDED to the Georgia Department of Human Resources through the ________ County Department of Family and Children Services pending receipt of the relative search report from the Department within 90 days of the date the child(ren) was/were removed from the home.

Unless otherwise ordered following a permanency hearing, the Permanency Plan is to reunite the child(ren) with the parent(s). ACCORDINGLY, the ________ County Department of Family and Children Services is HEREBY DIRECTED to prepare a Case Plan for reunification.
pursuant to Section 15-11-58 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated which shall be submitted to the Court to become the Court Ordered plan of care unless a party appeals the plan as provided by law. At a minimum, said plan shall include the following goals which must be accomplished before the child(ren) may return home. Said goals must coincide with the issues of deprivation found herein.

Mother’s Goals:

______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________

(Legal) (Biological) (Putative) Father’s Goals:

______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________

Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the Court further concludes that the Child Support Guidelines presumptively set support for _____ child(ren) at ____% to ____% of a parent’s gross income. Having found that no special circumstances exist or having found the special circumstances specified herein, the Court orders the mother to pay to the __________ County Department of Family and Children Services $_______ per __________ as child support on behalf of the above child(ren) which constitutes ____% of the mother’s gross income. Said payments shall begin on ____________________.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the Court further concludes that the Child Support Guidelines presumptively set support for _____ child(ren) at ____% to ____% of a parent’s gross income. Having found that no special circumstances exist or having found the special circumstances specified herein, the Court orders the father to pay to the __________ County Department of Family and Children Services $_______ per __________ as child support on behalf of the above child(ren) which constitutes ____% of the father’s gross income. Said payments shall begin on ____________________.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that while said child(ren) is/are in the custody of the __________ County Department of Family and Children Services the parents of said child(ren)
shall participate in the Judicial Citizen Panel Review program or Judicial Review as directed and
the _________ County Department of Family and Children Services is HEREBY directed to
furnish the Court or the Judicial Citizen Review Panels all information in its possession
concerning the family, including but not limited to psychological evaluations performed on the
child(ren), the parents or any other extended family member if available.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the mother and the father shall notify the Clerk
of this Court of any change in address within 72 hours of the change.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the _________ County Department of Family
and Children Services is authorized to obtain for said child(ren) physical examinations, ordinary
medical care, and such additional medical treatment and care which, in the opinion of a licensed
physician, is necessary for the care and well being of the child(ren).

This matter is HEREBY SET for Final Disposition on the _____ day of
___________, 20____ at ______________, ___.m. at which time the Court will consider the
report to be filed by the Department concerning the availability as a placement resource of a
relative or other individual with an ongoing commitment to the child. All parties shall be in
attendance at that time.

This Order shall expire on ________________, unless sooner terminated by
Order of this Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED this ____ day of ________________, 20____.

JUDGE
__________________ County Juvenile Court
Notes for consideration with this Order

Disposition alternatives:

***** "The permanency plan is uncertain at this time. Accordingly, the Department of Family and Children Services is hereby directed to prepare a case plan for reunification or nonreunification pursuant to O.C.G.A. Sec. 15-11-58. If reunification is deemed appropriate, the plan shall be submitted to the Court to become the Court ordered plan of care unless a party appeals the plan as provided by law. If nonreunification is deemed appropriate, a hearing shall be set on the matter."

***** "The Court recessed while the parents, the representatives from the Department of Family and Children Services, the representative from the Citizen's Review Panel, and the attorneys conferred on a case plan for reunification. The parties reached an agreement as to that plan which has been presented to the Court. The Court finds the plan to be appropriate and finds the following elements of the plan essential for reunification of the child with the parent:
1.
2.
3. etc.

The Court finds that substantial compliance with items 1, 2, 3, and (whatever) must be accomplished by the father/mother before reunification can be achieved."

***** "Disposition is hereby continued until [date and time]. The parties are HEREBY ORDERED to be in attendance at that time."

***** "This matter shall be reviewed by the Court on [date and time]. A Permanency Hearing is hereby set for [date and time approximately 11 months away]. The parties are HEREBY ORDERED to be in attendance at that time."

***** "This matter is hereby set for review by the (Court) (Judicial Citizen Review Panel) on the following dates: [Set dates and times for reviews (90 days, 6 months after that)] A Permanency Hearing is hereby set for [date and time approximately 11 months away]. The parties are HEREBY ORDERED to be in attendance at that time."
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF _______________ COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:

_________________________ SEX: __ DOB: ________ CASE # ________________

_________________________ SEX: __ DOB: ________ CASE # ________________

_________________________ SEX: __ DOB: ________ CASE # ________________

_________________________ SEX: __ DOB: ________ CASE # ________________

Child(ren) Under 18 Years of Age

FINAL DISPOSITION ORDER

On _______________, this Court entered an Order (hereinafter referred to as the “Provisional Order”) finding the above-named child(ren) to be deprived and placing temporary custody and control of said child(ren) with the _______________ County Department of Family and Children Services (hereinafter referred to as the Department) subject to the requirement that the Department conduct a reasonably diligent search for potential caregivers as provided in O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-55. The Court finds that the report containing the results of said search has been properly and timely filed, and that the results contained therein indicate that the search conducted by the Department was reasonably diligent.

The following individuals were present in/for the Review / Hearing on ________________:

( ) Mother ____________________ ( ) Attorney _______________________

( ) Father of ____________________ ( ) Attorney _______________________

Legal ____________________ ( ) Attorney _______________________

(Putative) ____________________ ( ) Attorney _______________________

( ) Father of ____________________ ( ) Attorney _______________________

Legal ____________________ ( ) Attorney _______________________

(Putative) ____________________ ( ) Attorney _______________________

( ) DFACS ____________________ ( ) SAAG _______________________

( ) Other Petitioner ____________________ ( ) Attorney _______________________

( ) Guardian ad Litem: ______________________

( ) Other: ______________________
This case having been set for the limited purpose of reviewing and passing on the results of the search required in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-55, the Court is not required to make reasonable efforts findings.

The Provisional Dispositional Order is hereby made the Final Dispositional Order of the Court. Temporary Custody is HEREBY placed with the Georgia Department of Human Resources through the ____________ County Department of Family and Children Services. Said Order shall expire on ________________ unless sooner terminated by Order of this Court.

The parties are ordered to abide by each and every requirement of the Order of the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED this ___ day of ________________, 20___.

____________________________
JUDGE
____________________________ County Juvenile Court

OPTIONAL PROVISION TO BE USED WHERE SEARCH IS FOUND NOT TO BE REASONABLY DILIGENT

On ________________, this Court entered an Order (hereinafter referred to as the “Provisional Order”) finding the above-named child(ren) to be deprived and placing temporary custody and control of said child(ren) with the ____________ County Department of Family and Children Services (hereinafter referred to as the Department) subject to the requirement that the Department conduct a reasonably diligent search for potential caregivers as provided in O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-55. The Court finds that the report containing the results of said search has been properly and timely filed, but that the results contained therein do not indicate that the search conducted by the Department was reasonably diligent, and that the search is deficient in the following particulars: _____________________________________________.

The Department is hereby directed to correct said deficiencies and file an amended report by ________________, which shall be reviewed by this Court on ________________, at ___ o’clock ___ m. In the meantime, the Provisional Order shall remain in full force and effect as entered.

[NOTE: In the event that this finding is made, the third from last paragraph placing temporary custody in the Department should be deleted.]
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:

_________________ SEX: ___ DOB: ______ CASE #: ______________
_________________ SEX: ___ DOB: ______ CASE #: ______________
_________________ SEX: ___ DOB: ______ CASE #: ______________
_________________ SEX: ___ DOB: ______ CASE #: ______________

Child(ren) Under 18 Years of Age

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER INCORPORATING 30-DAY CASE PLAN

On ___________________ this Court entered an Order finding the above-named child(ren) to be deprived and placing temporary custody and control of said child(ren) with the __________ County Department of Family and Children Services.

The child(ren) was/were removed from the home on ____________________.

The Department formulated a case plan pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-58(c). The written report containing the case plan was received by this Court on _________________. Pursuant to law, the father/mother was/were provided with proper notice concerning his/her right to a hearing on the proposed case plan. No hearing having been requested by any party, and the Court having received the plan and having found it to be an appropriate plan for reunification, the Court does hereby approve the plan as submitted and finds the following elements of the plan essential for reunification of the child(ren) with the parent(s):

1. ________________
2. ________________
3. (etc.)

The Court finds that substantial compliance with items 1, 2, 3, and (whatever) must be accomplished by the father/mother before reunification can be achieved.

The parties are hereby ordered to comply with each and every requirement of this Supplemental Order. The child(ren) may be returned home only upon the prior approval of the Court pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-55.

IT IS SO ORDERED this ___ day of ________________, 20___.

____________________ County Juvenile Court
IN THE INTEREST OF:  

SEX: __  DOB: ______  CASE #: ______________

SEX: __  DOB: ______  CASE #: ______________

SEX: __  DOB: ______  CASE #: ______________

SEX: __  DOB: ______  CASE #: ______________

Child(ren) Under 18 Years of Age

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER FOLLOWING JUDICIAL CITIZEN PANEL REVIEW

The above styled matter was reviewed at a Judicial Citizen Review Panel meeting held on ______________.  
The recommendations of the Panel were submitted to the Court within five days of the Review as required by  
O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-58 (k). No party requested a hearing on the recommendations. Upon review of the  
recommendations by the Panel, the Court makes the following FINDINGS OF FACT:

The Permanency Plan(s) at the Time of this Review was / were (concurrently):

( ) Reunification with parent(s)  ( ) Adoption  ( ) Legal guardianship

( ) Placement with a fit and willing relative  ( ) Placement in another planned permanent living  
arrangement, to wit: ________________________________

1. ______ Returning to the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child(ren) because  

2. ______ Since the last Review, reasonable efforts have been made to finalize the permanency plan(s) in effect.  
DFACS’ Affidavit of Efforts is attached hereto and incorporated herein and approved by the Court.

3. ______ DFACS has not made reasonable efforts to finalize the permanency plan(s) in effect as follows:  

4. ______ DFACS’ revised plan is for:

( ) Reunification with parent(s)  ( ) Adoption  ( ) Legal guardianship

( ) Placement with a fit and willing relative  ( ) Placement in another planned permanent living  
arrangement, to wit: ________________________________

5. ______ DFACS does / does not intend to petition for termination of parental rights.

6. ______ The current placement is appropriate for the child(ren)'s needs.

7. ______ The current placement is not appropriate for the child(ren)'s needs in that _______________________

IV-E Training for Social Services
Case Managers
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

a. The guardian ad litem shall be appointed to determine whether termination proceedings should be commenced (when DFACS indicates that it does not intend to petition for termination of parental rights).

b. The child(ren) shall return to the home of the parent(s), legal guardian or custodian. DFACS is hereby relieved of legal custody.

c. The child(ren) shall continue in the current placement as it is appropriate for the child(ren)'s needs.

d. The child(ren) shall continue in the current placement but the current placement plan is no longer appropriate for the child(ren)'s needs. County DFACS is HEREBY DIRECTED to devise another plan addressing the concerns outlined in #7 above and submit said plan to the Court within 10 days for Court approval.

e. A hearing has been requested by a party(ies) upon the Court's own motion. The Clerk of Court is instructed to set the above-styled case for a hearing within ___ days with notice to all parties. The purpose of the hearing is to address the following issues:

f. The revised plan is a change from reunification to adoption following termination of parental rights. Reunification services shall continue to be offered and provided until any termination is complete.

g. The revised plan is a change from reunification to reunification concurrent with adoption/placement with a fit and willing relative. DFACS shall make reasonable efforts to accomplish the concurrent plan as well.

h. The revised plan is substantially the same as the case plan currently in effect. All elements previously found by the Court to be essential to accomplish the permanency plan remain essential.

i. The revised plan is substantially different than the previous plan in effect. The following elements are essential to accomplish the permanency plan in place:

   ____________________________________________
   ____________________________________________
   ____________________________________________
   ____________________________________________
   ____________________________________________

Other: ____________________________________________
   ____________________________________________
   ____________________________________________
   ____________________________________________

The parties are ordered to abide by each and every requirement of the Order of the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED this ___ day of _____________, 20__

__________________________________________
JUDGE
_____________ County Juvenile Court
IN THE INTEREST OF:  

__________________________  SEX: __  DOE: _______  CASE # ________________  

__________________________  SEX: __  DOE: _______  CASE # ________________  

__________________________  SEX: __  DOE: _______  CASE # ________________  

__________________________  SEX: __  DOE: _______  CASE # ________________  

Child(ren) Under 18 Years of Age

JUDICIAL REVIEW

The above and foregoing matter is before the Court for a Judicial Review based upon:

( ) the prior scheduling by the Court

( ) the request of the Court following a Judicial Citizens Panel Review

( ) an appeal following a Judicial Citizens Panel Review filed by ______________________

__________________________

Based upon the evidence presented (the consent of the parties), the Court makes the following findings of fact by clear and convincing evidence.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. ____________________________

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §15-11-58(p), the child(ren)’s custodian, foster parent(s), preadoptive parent(s) or relative(s) caring for the child(ren) were notified of the date and time of the Review Hearing.

2. ____________________________

Present in / for Court were:

( ) Mother ______________________  ( ) Attorney ______________________
( ) Father of __________________________
    (Legal) __________________________ ( ) Attorney __________________________
    (Putative) ________________________ ( ) Attorney __________________________
( ) Parent of __________________________
    (Legal) __________________________ ( ) Attorney __________________________
    (Putative) ________________________ ( ) Attorney __________________________
( ) DFACS __________________________ ( ) SAAG __________________________
( ) Other Petitioner ____________________ ( ) Attorney __________________________
( ) Guardian ad Litem __________________________
( ) Other __________________________

The following party(ies) was/were not present: __________________________

He/She/They was/were (not) notified of the proceedings as follows: __________________________

______________________________________________________________

3

The Permanency Plan(s) at the Time of this Review was/were (concurrently):

( ) Reunification with parent(s)    ( ) Adoption    ( ) Legal guardianship

( ) Placement with a fit and willing relative    ( ) Placement in another planned permanent living arrangement

   To wit: __________________________

4.

( ) Reasonable efforts have been made to finalize the permanency plan(s) in effect. Those efforts were:

______________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________

( ) DFACS has not made reasonable efforts to finalize the permanency plan(s) in effect in that: __________________________

______________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________
5.
The compliance of the mother with the case plan for reunification has been: ________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
The compliance of the father with the case plan for reunification has been: ________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________

6.
In accordance with O.C.G.A. §15-11-58(p), the Court considered the oral or written testimony offered by the
parent(s), the custodian, the foster parent(s), and/or any preadoptive parents or relatives providing care for the child(ren)
along with all testimony and evidence presented in this case.

7.
(  ) Although the mother/father has/have actively participated in the case plan for reunification and has/have worked
diligently to improve her/his/their circumstances, immediate reunification is not feasible because ________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________

(  ) The mother/father has/have substantially complied with the case plan for reunification and has/have
accomplished the goals required by the Court. The Court finds that the child(ren) can be safely returned home at this time.

(  ) Returning to the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child(ren) because ________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________

8.
DFACS’/(the Court’s) revised plan is
(  ) Reunification with parent(s)  (  ) Adoption  (  ) Legal guardianship
(  ) Placement with a fit and willing relative  (  ) Placement in another planned permanent living arrangement
To wit: ________________________________
(  ) DFACS intends to petition for termination of parental rights

(  ) DFACS does not intend to petition for termination of parental rights

(  ) DFACS is not involved in this case as the child(ren)'s needs are being met by: __________________________

10.

(  ) The current placement is appropriate for the child(ren)'s needs.

(  ) The current placement is not appropriate for the child(ren)'s needs in that __________________________

__________________________

__________________________

11.

__________________________

__________________________

__IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:__

a. ____ A guardian ad litem shall be appointed to determine whether termination proceedings should be

   commenced.

b. ____ The child(ren) shall return to the home of the parent(s), legal guardian or custodian. DFACS is

   hereby relieved of legal custody.

c. ____ The child(ren) shall continue in the current placement as it is appropriate for the child(ren)'s needs.

d. ____ The child(ren) shall continue in the current placement but the current placement plan is no longer

   appropriate for the child(ren)'s needs. _______ County DFACS is HEREBY DIRECTED to

   devise another plan addressing the concerns outlined above and submit said plan to the Court

   within 10 days for Court approval.

e. ____ The revised plan is a change from reunification to adoption following termination of parental

   rights. Reunification services shall continue to be offered and provided until any termination is

   complete.

f. ____ The revised plan is a change from reunification to reunification concurrent with adoption /

   placement with a fit and willing relative. DFACS shall make reasonable efforts to accomplish

   the concurrent plan as well.

g. ____ The revised plan is substantially the same as the case plan currently in effect. All elements

   previously found by the Court to be essential to accomplish the permanency plan remain

   essential.

h. ____ The revised plan is substantially different than the previous plan in effect. The following

   elements are essential to accomplish the permanency plan in place: __________________________

   __________________________

   __________________________
The child(ren) SHALL NOT be returned to the parent(s) without the prior consent of this Court.

The parties are ordered to abide by each and every requirement of the Order of the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED this ____ day of _____________, 20__.

JUDGE
_________________________ County Juvenile Court

(If applicable) Consented to by:

Mother

Attorney for mother

Father

Attorney for father

Father

Attorney for father

Other Petitioner

Petitioner's Attorney

SAA3

Guardian ad Litem
IN THE INTEREST OF:  

________________________  SEX: __  DOB: _______  CASE # _________________
________________________  SEX: __  DOB: _______  CASE # _________________
________________________  SEX: __  DOB: _______  CASE # _________________

Child(ren) Under 18 Years of Age

ORDER ON MOTION FOR NONREUNIFICATION  
(PERMANENCY PLANNING HEARING ORDER)

The above and foregoing matter came before the Court on ________________ for a Permanency Hearing pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-58(e) and (j). An Order finding the above-named child(ren) to be deprived was entered on _________________. On ________________, the _____ County Department of Family and Children Services submitted a report to the Court which does not contain a plan for reunification services. Based upon the evidence presented or stipulated, the Court makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law by clear and convincing evidence.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

The child(ren) is/are of the age and sex and has/has the name(s) shown above.

2.

The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action and personal jurisdiction over the child(ren), the mother and the father. Venue is proper in this Court, ________________ County being the residence of the child(ren).
3. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §15-11-58(p), the child(ren)'s custodian, foster parent(s), preadoptive parent(s), or relative(s) caring for the child(ren), was/were notified of the date and time of the Hearing.

4. Present in Court were:

( ) Mother ____________________  ( ) Attorney ____________________

( ) Father ____________________  ( ) Attorney ____________________

(Legal) ____________________  ( ) Attorney ____________________

(Putative) ____________________  ( ) Attorney ____________________

( ) DFACS ____________________  ( ) SAAG ____________________

( ) Guardian ad Litem ____________________

( ) Others ____________________

The following party(ies) was/were not present: ____________________

He/She/They was/were (not) notified of the proceedings as follows: ____________________

5. In accordance with O.C.G.A. §15-11-58(p), the Court considered the oral or written testimony offered by the parent(s), the custodian, the foster parent(s), and/or any preadoptive parents or relatives providing care for the child(ren) along with all testimony and evidence presented in this case.

6. The following circumstances exist, which create a presumption that reunification services should not be provided:

( ) The parent has unjustifiably failed to comply with a previously ordered plan designed to reunite the family.

( ) A child has been removed from the home on at least two previous occasions and reunification services were made available on those occasions.

( ) The following grounds for terminating parental rights exist: ____________________

__________________________
( ) The following circumstances as set out in O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-58 (a)(4) exist:

7.

( ) Other facts, if applicable: ____________________________________________________________

8.

In regard to the reasonable efforts requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-58:

( ) **Reasonable efforts were made** after removal of the child(ren) by DFACS to make it possible for the child(ren) to return safely home in that: ____________________________________________________________

( ) **Reasonable efforts** to return the child(ren) safely home were not required under O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-58 (a)(4)(A-C) because: ____________________________________________________________

( ) The Department **failed to make reasonable efforts** to return the child(ren) safely home.

The following efforts would have been reasonable to safely reunify the child(ren) with the family:

9.

The specific reason(s) that the child(ren) cannot be maintained safely in the home and that continuation of the child(ren) in the home would be contrary to his/her/their welfare at this time is/are

10.

( ) **Reasonable efforts to reunify the child(ren) with the family will be detrimental to the child(ren)** and therefore reunification services should not be provided or should be terminated because
The presumption that reunification services should not be provided has been rebutted by the following facts:


11.

( ) DFACS intends to petition for termination of parental rights.

( ) DFACS does not intend to petition for termination of parental rights.

( ) The Court hereby appoints the guardian ad litem to determine whether termination proceedings should be commenced.

12.

The Department of Family and Children Services has provided the Court with written documentation of its search for an appropriate placement with a relative or other individual with an ongoing commitment to the child and the Court finds that this search was / was not reasonable. The results of said search are as follows:


13.

( ) The child(ren)'s out-of-state placement continues to be appropriate and in the best interest of the child(ren).

14.

( ) The child(ren) being at least 14 years of age, the Court finds that the following services are needed to assist the child(ren) to make a transition from foster care to independent living:

1. Enrollment in an independent living program.

2.

3.

4.
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon these findings of fact, the Court concludes as follows:

( ) Reasonable efforts to reunify this family are not appropriate and therefore should not be provided or should be terminated.

( ) Reasonable efforts to reunify this family should be provided. The Department is directed to work with the family to formulate a reunification plan which shall become the order of the Court unless a party appeals the plan as provided by law.

Any of the “Findings of Fact” herein which should have been properly classified by the Court as “Conclusions of Law” shall be considered as “Conclusions of Law” and any “Conclusions of Law” which should have been properly classified as “Findings of Fact” shall be considered as “Findings of Fact.”

The Permanency Plan is as follows:

( ) Reunification with ______________ no later than: __________________

( ) Adoption following Termination of Parental Rights. Petition to be filed no later than: ______________

( ) Referral for Legal Guardianship no later than: __________________

( ) Placement with a fit and willing relative. Motion to be filed no later than: ______________

( ) Compelling reason why none of the foregoing options would be in the best interest of the child(ren): ______________

( ) Permanent placement in another planned permanent living arrangement to be finalized no later than: ______________. This planned permanent living arrangement is as follows: ______________

( ) Reunification services are in place and shall continue until termination of parental rights or until otherwise ordered.
The Department of Family and Children Services shall make reasonable efforts to place said child(ren) in accordance with this permanency plan and shall complete whatever steps are necessary to finalize the permanent placement of the child(ren).

( ) The Department of Family and Children Services shall provide the services specified in Paragraph 14 supra to assist the child(ren) to make a transition from foster care to independent living.

IT IS SO ORDERED this ____ day of ________________, 20__.

JUDGE

_____________ County Juvenile Court
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF ____________ COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:

_______________________  SEX: ______  DOB: _______  CASE #_______________

_______________________  SEX: ______  DOB: _______  CASE #_______________

_______________________  SEX: ______  DOB: _______  CASE #_______________

_______________________  SEX: ______  DOB: _______  CASE #_______________

Children(ren) Under 18 Years of Age

ORDER ON PETITION FOR PLACEMENT WITH A RELATIVE
OR OTHER THIRD PARTY UNTIL CHILD(REN) 18 YEARS OF AGE

The above and foregoing matter came before the Court on __________ for a
placement hearing pursuant to O.C.G.A. §15-11-58(i). The Court has previously entered an Order that
efforts to reunify the child(ren) with the mother and father should not be made or should be terminated.

Based upon the evidence presented, the Court makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of
Law by clear and convincing evidence. Any of the “Findings of Fact” herein which should have been
properly classified by the Court as “Conclusions of Law” shall be considered as “Conclusions of Law” and
any “Conclusions of Law” which should have been properly classified as “Findings of Fact” shall be
considered as “Findings of Fact.”

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The child(ren) is/are of the age(s) and sex and has/have the name(s) set forth above.

2. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action and personal jurisdiction over the
child(ren), the mother, the father, and the proposed long term custodian(s), ________________________.
3.

( ) Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §15-11-58(p), the child(ren)’s custodian, foster parent(s), preadoptive parent(s), or relative(s) caring for the children, was/were notified of the date and time of the Hearing.

4.

Present in Court were:

( ) Mother _____________________________ ( ) Attorney _____________________________

( ) Father

(Legal) ________________________________ ( ) Attorney _____________________________

(Putative) _____________________________ ( ) Attorney _____________________________

( ) DFACS ______________________________ ( ) SAAG ____________________________

( ) Guardian ad Litem __________________________

( ) Other __________________________________________

The following part(y)(ies) was/were not present: ___________________________________________

He / She / They was (not) / were (not) notified of the proceedings as follows:

______________________________________________________________________________

5.

In accordance with O.C.G.A. §15-11-58(p), the Court considered the oral or written testimony offered by the parent(s), the custodian, the foster parent(s), and/or any preadoptive parents or relatives providing care for the child(ren) along with all testimony and evidence presented in this case.

6.

As found in a previous unappealed Deprivation Order and based upon the previous Court hearing granting the Motion of the __________ County Department of Family and Children Services for Nonreunification with the child(ren)’s mother and father, the child(ren) remain(s) deprived. Efforts to reunify the child(ren) with a parent would be detrimental to the child(ren) and therefore reunification is not in the best interest of the child(ren).

7.

Referal for termination of parental rights and adoption is not in the best interest of the child(ren) because __________________________________________

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8.

( ) Facts which indicate the appropriateness of the proposed placement pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-58(i)(1)(A), (B), or (C) are: ________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

( ) There is a compelling reason that a placement pursuant to subsection (A), (B) or (C) of O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-58(i)(1) is not in the best interest of the child(ren), to wit: ________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

The Court finds that a placement with ________________________________ will provide a family home because of the following characteristics: ________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

9.

( ) The mother, through her attorney and in open Court, consents to the placement of the child(ren) with the proposed custodian. The father, through his attorney and in open Court, consents to the placement of the child(ren) with the proposed custodian.

10.

The Court finds that the ______________ County Department of Family and Children Services has made reasonable efforts to finalize the permanency plan in place.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION

The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action and personal jurisdiction over the child(ren), the mother, the father and (the relatives or other proposed custodian).
These child(ren) is/are (a) deprived child(ren) as defined in O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-23(3)(A) in that he/she/they is/are without proper parental care or control, subsistence, education as required by law, or other care or control necessary for his/her/their physical, mental or emotional health or morals.

The Department has made reasonable efforts to finalize the permanency plan in place.

The Department’s Petition for long term custody of the child(ren) with a relative or other third party is HEREBY GRANTED. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §15-11-58(i), legal custody and control of the above named child(ren) until the child(ren) is/are 18 years of age, is HEREBY AWARDED to __________________________. Said custodian(s) may not return custody of the child(ren) to any parent or any other person without the written Order of this Court or another Court of appropriate jurisdiction.

For Placement of Child(ren) pursuant to O.C.G.A. §15-11-58(i)(1)(D), said agency or organization SHALL notify this Court within ten days of its license being placed on probation, suspended, revoked, or surrendered. This Court will thereafter conduct a judicial review within ten days of said notification to determine whether another placement should be made for the child.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that said custodian(s) is / are authorized to obtain for the child(ren) physical examinations, ordinary medical care and such additional medical treatment and care which, in the opinion of a licensed physician, is necessary for the care and well being of the child(ren).

( ) Within 36 months of this Order and every 36 months thereafter, a probation officer, judicial citizen’s review panel established by the Court, or other person or agency designated by the Court shall, after study and review, submit a report to the Court addressing whether the relative continues to be qualified to receive and care for the children.

( ) Within 12 months of this Order and every 12 months thereafter, a probation officer, judicial citizen’s review panel established by the Court, or other person or agency designated by the Court shall, after study and review, submit a report to the Court addressing whether the non-relative custodian continues to be qualified to receive and care for the child(ren).

IT IS SO ORDERED this _____ day of ________________, 20____.

________________________________________
JUDGE
_____________County Juvenile Court
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF ___________ COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:

_________________________ SEX: ___ DOB: ______ CASE # _______________
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Child(ren) Under 18 Years of Age

ORDER ON MOTION FOR EXTENSION/PERMANENCY ORDER

The above and foregoing matter came before the Court on ______________, based upon a
Motion for Extension filed by the Georgia Department of Human Resources by and through the
__________ County Department of Family and Children Services alleging that said child(ren) continue(s)
to be (a) deprived child(ren) and requesting that said child(ren) be continued in the temporary custody and
control of the __________ County Department of Family and Children Services.

Based upon the evidence presented, the Court makes the following Findings of Fact and
Conclusions of Law by clear and convincing evidence.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

( ) Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §15-11-58(p), the child(ren)’s custodian, foster parent(s), preadoptive
parent(s) or relative(s) caring for the child(ren) were notified of the date and time of the Review Hearing.

2.

Present in / for Court were:

( ) Mother ____________________________ ( ) Attorney _____________________
( ) Father of __________________________
   (Legal) __________________________ ( ) Attorney __________________________
   (Putative) __________________________ ( ) Attorney __________________________

( ) Father of __________________________
   (Legal) __________________________ ( ) Attorney __________________________
   (Putative) __________________________ ( ) Attorney __________________________

( ) DFACS __________________________ ( ) SAAG __________________________

( ) Other Petitioner __________________________ ( ) Attorney __________________________

( ) Guardian ad Litem __________________________

( ) Other __________________________

The following party(ies) was/were not present: __________________________

He/She/They was/were (not) notified of the proceedings as follows: __________________________

3.

The Permanency Plan(s) at the Time of this Review was/were (concurrently):

( ) Reunification with parent(s) ( ) Adoption ( ) Legal guardianship

( ) Placement with a fit and willing relative ( ) Placement in another planned permanent living arrangement
   To wit: __________________________

4.

The child(ren) is/are of the age and sex and has/have the name(s) set forth above. The child(ren) is/are (a)
resident(s) of ______________ County, Georgia.

5.

The child(ren) was/were removed from his/her/their home on ________________, which is the date the Court
is using as the date the child(ren) entered foster care.

6.

( ) Reasonable efforts have been made to finalize the permanency plan(s) in effect. Those efforts were:

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________
( ) DFACS has not made reasonable efforts to finalize the permanency plan(s) in effect in that: ________________________________

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The compliance of the mother with the case plan for reunification has been: ________________________________

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The compliance of the father with the case plan for reunification has been: ________________________________

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__________________________________________________________

8.

In accordance with O.C.G.A. §15-11-58(p), the Court considered the oral or written testimony offered by the parent(s), the custodian, the foster parent(s), and/or any preadoptive parents or relatives providing care for the child(ren) along with all testimony and evidence presented in this case.

9.

( ) There has been insufficient compliance with the case plan for reunification to permit reunification at this time.

( ) Although the mother / father has/have actively participated in the case plan for reunification and has/have worked diligently to improve her/his/their circumstances, immediate reunification is not feasible because ________________________________

__________________________________________________________

( ) The mother/father has/have substantially complied with the case plan for reunification and has/have accomplished the goals required by the Court. The Court finds that the child(ren) can be safely returned home at this time.

10.

( ) Returning to the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child(ren) because ________________________________

__________________________________________________________
( ) It would be in the best interest of the child(ren) to be returned to the home of the parent(s) at this time because:


11.

( ) An Extension of the Court’s Order entered on ____________ is necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Order.

( ) An Extension of the Court’s Order is not appropriate.

12.

( ) DFACS intends to petition for termination of parental rights by ________________.

( ) DFACS does not intend to petition for termination of parental rights but to continue to pursue reunification.

( ) DFACS does not intend to petition for termination of parental rights. There is a compelling reason that the filing of a termination petition would not be in the child’s best interests in that: ________________________________


13.

( ) The child(ren)’s out-of-state placement continues to be appropriate and in the best interest of the child(ren).

14.

( ) The child(ren) being at least 14 years of age, the Court finds that the following services are needed to assist the child(ren) to make a transition from foster care to independent living:

1. Enrollment in an independent living program.

2. ________________________________

3. ________________________________

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the above findings of fact, the Court concludes as follows:

The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action and personal jurisdiction over the child(ren) and the child(ren)’s mother / father. Venue is proper in this Court.
( ) The child(ren) is/are (s) deprived child(ren) as defined in O.C.G.A. §15-11-23(A) in that he/she/they is/are without proper parental care or control, subsistence, education as required by law, or other care or control necessary for his/her/their physical, mental or emotional health or morals.

( ) The child(ren) is/are no longer deprived.

( ) The _________ County Department of Family and Children Services made reasonable efforts to finalize the permanency plan(s) in place.

( ) The _________ County Department of Family and Children Services failed to make reasonable efforts to finalize the permanency plan(s) in place.

( ) Return to the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child(ren) and continued removal of the child(ren) from the home is in the child(ren)'s best interest.

( ) Continued removal of the child(ren) from the home is not in the child(ren)'s best interest.

Any of the “Findings of Fact” herein which should have been properly classified by the Court as “Conclusions of Law” shall be considered as “Conclusions of Law” and any “Conclusions of Law” which should have been properly classified as “Findings of Fact” shall be considered as “Findings of Fact.”

DISPOSITION

( ) The Court HEREBY ORDERS that temporary custody and control of said child(ren) be and hereby is continued with the Georgia Department of Human Resources through the _________ County Department of Family and Children Services.

( ) The Motion for Extension is HEREBY DENIED. The child(ren) is/are returned to the custody of the parents.

The Permanency Plan for the child(ren) is as follows:

( ) Reunification with ________________ no later than: ________________________

( ) Adoption following Termination of Parental Rights. Petition to be filed no later than: __________________

( ) Referral for Legal Guardianship no later than: ________________________________
( ) Placement with a fit and willing relative. Motion to be filed no later than: ______________________

( ) Compelling reason why none of the foregoing options would be in the best interest of the child(ren):

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________________________________________________________

( ) Permanent placement in another planned permanent living arrangement to be finalized no later than:

___________________________. This planned permanent living arrangement is as follows: ________________

________________________________________________________

( ) Reunification services are in place and shall continue until termination of parental rights or until otherwise ordered.

( ) The Department of Family and Children Services shall provide the services specified in Paragraph 14 supra to assist the child(ren) to make a transition from foster care to independent living.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the _________ County Department of Family and Children Services is authorized to obtain for said child(ren) physical examinations, ordinary medical care, and such additional medical treatment and care which, in the opinion of a licensed physician, is necessary for the care and well-being of the child(ren).

This Order shall expire on _________________, unless sooner terminated by Order of this Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED this ___ day of ________________, 20__.

________________________________________________________

JUDGE
______________ County Juvenile Court

(IF APPLICABLE) Consented to by:

Mother ________________________ Attorney for mother

Father ________________________ Attorney for father

Father ________________________ Attorney for father

Other Petitioner _______________ Petitioner's Attorney

SAAG ________________________ Guardian ad Litem
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF ________________ COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:  

________________________  SEX: _  DOB: _______  CASE #__________  

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Child(ren) Under 18 Years of Age

ORDER OF ADJUDICATION and DISPOSITION/PERMANENCY ORDER

The above and foregoing matter came before the Court on ____________, for an Adjudicatory Hearing based upon a Petition filed by the Georgia Department of Human Resources by and through the ____________ County Department of Family and Children Services alleging the above named child(ren) continue(s) to be deprived and requesting that temporary custody and control of said child(ren) continue in the Department.

Based upon the evidence presented, the Court makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law by clear and convincing evidence.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.  

(  ) Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §15-11-58(p), the child(ren)'s custodian, foster parent(s), preadoptive parent(s) or relative(s) caring for the child(ren) were notified of the date and time of the Hearing.

2.  

Present in / for Court were:

(  ) Mother ________________________________  (  ) Attorney ________________________________
( ) Father of ____________________________
  (Legal) ________________________________ ( ) Attorney ________________________________
  (Putative) ______________________________ ( ) Attorney ________________________________
( ) Father of ____________________________
  (Legal) ________________________________ ( ) Attorney ________________________________
  (Putative) ______________________________ ( ) Attorney ________________________________
( ) DFACS ________________________________ ( ) SAAG ________________________________
( ) Other Petitioner ______________________ ( ) Attorney ________________________________
( ) Guardian ad Litem _________________________
( ) Other __________________________________

The following party(ies) was/were not present: __________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________

He/She/They was/were (not) notified of the proceedings as follows: __________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________

3.

The Permanency Plan(s) at the Time of this Hearing was/were (concurrently):

( ) Reunification with parent(s) ( ) Adoption ( ) Legal guardianship

( ) Placement with a fit and willing relative ( ) Placement in another planned permanent living arrangement

To wit: __________________________________________

4.

The child(ren) is/are of the age and sex and has/have the name(s) set forth above. (The child(ren) is/are a)
resident(s) of ____________ County, Georgia.

5.

The child(ren) were removed from his/her/their home on ________________, which is the date the Court is
using as the date the child(ren) entered foster care.
6.

The child(ren) is/are (a) deprived child(ren) for the following reasons: ____________________________________

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7.

( ) Reasonable efforts have been made to finalize the permanency plan(s) in effect. Those efforts were:

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( ) DFACS has not made reasonable efforts to finalize the permanency plan(s) in effect in that: ________________

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8.

The compliance of the mother with the case plan for reunification has been: ____________________________

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The compliance of the father with the case plan for reunification has been: ____________________________

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( ) There is no case plan for reunification at this time.
9.
In accordance with O.C.G.A. §15-11-58(p), the Court considered the oral or written testimony offered by the parent(s), the custodian, the foster parent(s), and/or any preadoptive parents or relatives providing care for the child(ren) along with all testimony and evidence presented in this case.

10. 
( ) There has been insufficient compliance with the case plan for reunification to permit reunification at this time.
( ) Although the mother/father has/have actively participated in the case plan for reunification and has/have worked diligently to improve her/his/their circumstances, immediate reunification is not feasible because ____________________________

___________________________________________________________

( ) The mother/father has/have substantially complied with the case plan for reunification and has/have accomplished the goals required by the Court. The Court finds that the child(ren) can be safely returned home at this time.

11. 
( ) Returning to the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child(ren) because: ____________________________

___________________________________________________________

( ) It would be in the best interest of the child(ren) to be returned to the home of the parent(s) at this time because:

___________________________________________________________

12. 
( ) DFACS intends to petition for termination of parental rights by ________________.
( ) DFACS does not intend to petition for termination of parental rights but to continue to pursue reunification.
( ) DFACS does not intend to petition for termination of parental rights. There is a compelling reason that the filing of a termination petition would not be in the child’s best interests in that: ____________________________

___________________________________________________________

13. 
( ) The child(ren)'s out-of-state placement continues to be appropriate and in the best interest of the child(ren).
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action and personal jurisdiction over the child(ren), mother and father. Venue is proper in this Court.

This child(ren) is/are (a) deprived child(ren) as defined in O.C.G.A. §15-11-2(6)(A) in that he/she/they is/are without proper parental care or control, subsistence, education as required by law, or other care or control necessary for his/her/their physical, mental or emotional health or morals.

The child(ren) is/are no longer deprived.

The County Department of Family and Children Services made reasonable efforts to finalize the permanency plan(s) in place.

The County Department of Family and Children Services failed to make reasonable efforts to finalize the permanency plan(s) in place.

Return to the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child(ren) and continued removal of the child(ren) from the home is in the child(ren)'s best interest.

Continued removal of the child(ren) from the home is not in the children's best interest.

Any of the “Findings of Fact” herein which should have been properly classified by the Court as “Conclusions of Law” shall be considered as “Conclusions of Law” and any “Conclusions of Law” which should have been properly classified as “Findings of Fact” shall be considered as “Findings of Fact.”
DISPOSITION

( ) The Court HEREBY ORDERS that temporary custody and control of said child(ren) be and hereby is continued with the Georgia Department of Human Resources through the _________ County Department of Family and Children Services.

( ) The Petition for Extension is HEREBY DENIED. The child(ren) is/are returned to the custody of the parents.

( ) IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that while said child(ren) is/are in the custody of the _________ County Department of Family and Children Services the parents of said child(ren) shall participate in the Judicial Citizen Panel Review program or Judicial Review as directed and the _________ County Department of Family and Children Services is HEREBY directed to furnish the Court or the Judicial Citizen Review Panels all information in its possession concerning the family, including but not limited to psychological evaluations performed on the child(ren), the parents or any other extended family member if available.

The Permanency Plan for the child(ren) is as follows:

( ) Reunification with _______________ no later than: _______________________

( ) Adoption following Termination of Parental Rights. Petition to be filed no later than: _______________________

( ) Referral for Legal Guardianship no later than: _______________________

( ) Placement with a fit and willing relative. Motion to be filed no later than: _______________________

( ) Compelling reason why none of the foregoing options would be in the best interest of the child(ren):

______________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________

( ) Permanent placement in another planned permanent living arrangement to be finalized no later than: _______________________

This planned permanent living arrangement is as follows: _______________________

______________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________
(  ) Reunification services are in place and shall continue until termination of parental rights or until otherwise ordered.

(  ) The Department of Family and Children Services shall provide the services specified in Paragraph 14 supra to assist the child(ren) to make a transition from foster care to independent living.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the mother and the father shall notify the Clerk of this Court of any change in address within 72 hours of the change.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the __________ County Department of Family and Children Services is authorized to obtain for said child(ren) physical examinations, ordinary medical care, and such additional medical treatment and care which, in the opinion of a licensed physician, is necessary for the care and well being of the child(ren).

This Order shall expire on ________________, unless sooner terminated by Order of this Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED this _____ day of ________________, 20__.

_________________________________________
JUDGE
_______________ County Juvenile Court

[Note: This Order is used after a child has been in foster care longer than one Extension.]
DISPOSITION

Accordingly, it is HEREBY ORDERED that the parental rights of [MOTHER] and [FATHER] to [CHILD] are HEREBY TERMINATED. This Order is without limit as to duration and terminates all the parent’s rights and obligation with respect to the child, and all rights and obligations of the child to the parent arising from the parental relationship, including rights of inheritance. [MOTHER] and [FATHER] are hereafter NOT entitled to notice of proceedings concerning the adoption of the child by another, nor have they any right to object to the adoption or otherwise participate in the proceedings.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §15-11-103(a), permanent custody of [CHILD] is hereby ORDERED as follows:

(  ) Pursuant to paragraph (1) of this code subsection, Permanent Custody of [CHILD] is HEREBY AWARDED to [RELATIVE] for the purpose of adoption. The Court finds this individual qualified to receive and care for the child. The Court determines that such placement is the most appropriate for and in the best interest of the child because
________________________________________________________________________

(  ) Pursuant to paragraph (1) of this code subsection, Permanent Custody of [CHILD] is HEREBY AWARDED to [RELATIVE]. The Court finds this individual qualified to receive and care for the child. The Court determines that such placement is the most appropriate for and in the best interest of the child because
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(  ) The Court finds that placement under paragraph (1) of this code subsection is not appropriate because
________________________________________________________________________
Therefore, pursuant to paragraph (2) of this code subsection, Permanent Custody of [CHILD] is
HEREBY AWARDED to the Georgia Department of Human Resources through the
__________________________ County Department of Family and Children Services / [a licensed child-
placing agency willing to accept custody] to be placed for adoption. The Court determines that
such placement is the most appropriate for and in the best interest of the child because

____________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________

( ) The Court finds that placement under paragraph (1) and (2) of this code subsection is not
appropriate because

____________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________

Therefore, pursuant to paragraph (3) of this code subsection, Permanent Custody of [CHILD] is
HEREBY AWARDED to [Name of Individual] conditioned upon this individual becoming the
guardian of the person of the child pursuant to this Court’s authority under O.C.C.A. §§15-11-
30.1. The Court determines that such placement is the most appropriate for and in the best
interest of the child because

____________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________

( ) The Court finds that placement under paragraph (1), (2), and (3) of this code subsection is
not appropriate because

____________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________
Therefore, pursuant to paragraph (4) of this code subsection, Permanent Custody of [CHILD] is HEREBY AWARDED to the Georgia Department of Human Resources through the _____________ County Department of Family and Children Services / [a licensed child-placing agency willing to accept custody] for the purpose of placing the child in a foster home. The Court determines that such placement is the most appropriate for and in the best interest of the child because ________________________________

______________________________

( ) The Court finds that placement under paragraph (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this code subsection is not appropriate because ________________________________

______________________________

Therefore, pursuant to paragraph (5) of this code subsection, Permanent Custody of [CHILD] is HEREBY AWARDED to [an agency or organization authorized by law to receive and provide care for children...]. This placement will provide a family home because of the following characteristics: ________________________________

______________________________

______________________________

The Court determines that such placement is the most appropriate for and in the best interest of the child because ________________________________

______________________________
( ) The Court finds that placement under paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5) of this code subsection is not appropriate because ____________________________________________

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Therefore, pursuant to paragraph (6) of this code subsection, the Court does HEREBY ORDER as follows: ____________________________________________________________________________

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__________________________________________________________________________________________

(X) The Court hereby finds that the placement made heretofore is in the best interest of the child.

This case is hereby set for REVIEW on ________________ at ______, ___ m. to determine what efforts have been made to assure the adoption or other permanent placement of the child.

IT IS SO ORDERED this _____ day of __________________, 20____.

__________________________________________________________________________________________

JUDGE

______________, County Juvenile Court

[Obviously lots of these choices can be removed from the Order once a placement is determined.]
IN THE INTEREST OF:

SEX: ___ DOB: __________ CASE # __________

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SEX: ___ DOB: __________ CASE # __________

Child(ren) Under 18 Years of Age

ADOPTION STATUS HEARING ORDER

The parental rights of the mother were terminated/surrendered on _______________. The parental rights of the father were terminated/surrendered on _______________. Said child(ren) was/were placed in the custody of the Georgia Department of Human Resources. The permanency plan for said child(ren) is adoption.

This matter is before the Court for a Judicial Review pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-103.

( ) The adoption of the child(ren) was finalized on _______________. It is therefore Ordered that this case BE and HEREBY IS CLOSED.

( ) The adoption of the child(ren) has not been finalized because ____________________________

( ) It appears from the report made by said Department that all reasonable efforts to finalize the permanency of said child(ren) have been made since this matter was last before the Court, to wit:

( ) It appears from the report made by said Department that the Department has failed to make reasonable efforts to finalize the permanency of said child(ren). The following further efforts are ordered: ____________________________

( ) IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that said child(ren) shall remain in the custody and control of the Georgia Department of Human Resources pending finalization of the adoption.

( ) IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this matter shall be brought back before the Court for another review on _______________, at __________, ___ m unless the adoption has been finalized prior to that date.

IT IS SO ORDERED this ___ day of _______________, 20__

JUDGE

County Juvenile Court
IV-E Eligibility
Voluntary Placement Agreement

In order to establish IV-Eligibility for a child who enters care by a Voluntary Placement Agreement (VPA), there must be a properly executed written agreement and the child must meet all other IV-E eligibility requirements. If the child is going to remain in care beyond the 180 day limit for a VPA, then a judicial determination of “best interest” must be made prior to the 180th day following placement in order for the child to remain IV-E eligible.

A court order containing the following language must be issued by the 180th day of the child’s placement. This order must contain the language that:

Continuation in foster care is in the “best interest” of the child.

If a judicial determination that contains the language is not made, the child loses IV-E eligibility on the 181st day.

Voluntary Placement Example:

The child entered care by VPA on March 15 and was determined to be IV-E eligible. On September 18 the child was still in foster care but a judicial determination containing best interest language had not been made. How would this affect the child’s IV-E eligibility?

Answer: This child would lose IV-E eligibility as of September 12. A judicial determination containing the required language was not made by the 180th day of the child’s placement.
IV-E Eligibility
Voluntary Surrender of Parental Rights

A child that enters care through a Voluntary Surrender will rarely receive IV-E Foster Care payments; however, the child may potentially be eligible for IV-E Adoption Assistance. Because of the potential for IV-E Adoption Assistance, it is crucial that the child’s eligibility for IV-E Adoption Assistance be established at the time the child enters care even if you believe the child will be placed for adoption almost immediately.

When a child is placed with the agency through a Voluntary Surrender, Case Managers must initiate the process to obtain a judicial determination from the court within 6 months of the child’s placement. In these cases, the court is merely sanctioning the removal and makes a “best interest” finding that is a requirement for IV-E Adoption Assistance.

The court order that is issued must contain the language:

- Continued placement is in the “best interest” of the child
- OR
- Remaining in the home would be “contrary to the welfare” of child

If this process has not been initiated within 6 months of the date the child was removed from a specified relative, the child will not be eligible for IV-E Adoption Assistance.
### SUMMARY OF COURT ORDER REQUIREMENTS

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Directions: Work independently to answer the following questions about the material that has been covered up to this point in the training.

1. What are the two main purposes of the RevMax Initiative in Georgia?

2. Name the six sources of funding for Foster Care placement?

3. For which class of assistance is eligibility determined first, Title IV-E Foster Care or Title IV-B Foster Care?

4. Who determines eligibility for Title IV-E Foster care?

5. How long can a child be reported as being in “Initial”?

6. What language must be included in the FIRST court order for a child to potentially be IV-E eligible?

7. What language in a judicial determination must be present within 60 days in order for a child to be potentially IV-E eligible?
8. Can both the “contrary to welfare/best interest” language and the “reasonable efforts” language be included in the same court order, Yes or No?

If yes, which court order must contain this language in order for the child to potentially be IV-E eligible?

Determine the best answer for the case scenarios below:

9. Mary enters foster care by court order dated June 20, 2001. Neither the “contrary to the welfare” / “best interest” language nor the “reasonable efforts” language was included in the court order. A subsequent order was issued on July 11, 2001 which included the “best interest’ language and the “reasonable efforts are not required” language.

a) Is Mary potentially IV-E eligible?

b) Why or why not?


a) Is Tameka potentially IV-E eligible?

b) Why or why not?
11. Travis entered foster care on April 20, 2002. The SSCM completes the Initial Authorization Form and reports the child as being in Initial. On June 15, the MES makes a determination that Travis is not IV-E eligible. What funding source would be reported for Travis and what date should be entered as the effective date of the change from Initial to this funding source?
Bridging the Gap between the Eligibility World and the Social Services World

How the MES sees the Family

How the SSCM sees the Family
AFDC Relatedness

In order for a child to be eligible for IV-E foster care services, the MES must establish “AFDC Relatedness” for the child. This is based on the policies of the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Program policies that were in effect in Georgia as of July 16, 1996.

The AFDC criteria for IV-E eligibility:

- Age (The child must be under the age of 18)
- Financial Need (based on resources and income of removal home)
- Citizenship/Alien Status (child must be a U.S. citizen or a qualified alien)
- Removal Home
- Living with a specified relative
- Deprivation

The following are some key terms that you need to be familiar with in order to effectively work with the MES on IV-E.

Eligibility Month:

The MES will determine if certain AFDC criteria are met during the eligibility month or within the six months prior to the eligibility month. The eligibility month is:

- The month the deprivation complaint or petition was filed, whichever came first

  or

- The month the VPA was signed
**Specified Relative:**

The AFDC definition of specified relative includes the parent, grandparent, brother, sister, step-brother, stepsister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, first cousin once removed, nephew, niece, half-blood relationships, and persons of preceding generations (e.g. “great” and “great-great”) and includes the spouses of any persons named, even if the marriage has been terminated.

In order to meet the specified relative requirement for IV-E eligibility, the child must have lived with a specified relative during the eligibility month or within the 6 months prior to the eligibility month.

**Removal Home:**

The AFDC relatedness test is applied to the removal home. The removal home is defined as:

The home the child lived in within the past six months

And

Resided with a specified relative

And

This relative had legal custody of the child

**Removal Home Examples:**

**Example One:**

The child lived with a maternal aunt for the past 2 months prior to the child coming into care. The aunt does not have legal custody of the child. Prior to living with the aunt, the child lived with the biological mother since birth and biological mother has legal custody. The child is being physically removed from the aunt’s home because of allegations of abuse and neglect. Which home is the removal home?
Answer: The biological mother’s home would be the removal home.

Rationale: The biological mother had legal custody and the child lived with the biological mother within 6 months of coming into care. This child could potentially be IV-E eligible assuming the other AFDC criteria is met.

Example Two:

The child is living with a neighbor at the time the child is removed. The child lived with the neighbor for the past 3 months prior to being removed from this home due to abuse. This neighbor is not related to the child by blood or marriage, but the neighbor has guardianship over the child that was initiated by the child’s parents. Immediately prior to going to live with this neighbor, the child lived with his biological father who had custody of the child. The father had custody for 3 years before guardianship was awarded to the neighbor. Which home is the removal home?

Answer: The father’s home would be the removal home.
Rationale: The neighbor’s home could not be the removal home because the neighbor does not meet the definition of a specified relative. Although a non-relative had guardianship at the time of removal, we have to go further and look at the entire six-month period prior to removal. In this scenario, the child lived with the father (a specified relative) within 6 months of entering care and the father had custody during part of that timeframe. This child could potentially be IV-E eligible assuming the other AFDC criteria is met.

Example Three:

The child is living with a neighbor at the time the child is removed. The child lived with the neighbor for the past 9 months prior to being removed from this home due to abuse. This neighbor is not related to the child by blood or marriage, but the neighbor had guardianship of the child through a guardianship agreement initiated by the child’s parents. Immediately prior to going to live with this neighbor, the child lived with a biological father who had custody. The father had custody for 3 years.
before guardianship was awarded to the neighbor. Which home is the removal home?

**Answer:** Neither

**Rationale:** Neither the father’s home nor the neighbor’s home meets the test. The neighbor’s home cannot be considered the removal home because of the specified relative criteria. The father’s home cannot be the removal home because it has been more than 6 months since the child lived there. The criteria of having lived with a specified relative within 6 months of removal cannot be met in this case, so this child would not be IV-E eligible.

**Parental Deprivation:**

Deprivation in the AFDC program means the child has been deprived of the care, guidance, or support of one or both parents (married or unmarried) based on one of these factors:

- Absence: At least one of the parents is continually absent from the home (includes cases of separation and divorce)
- Death: At least one of the parents is deceased
- Incarcerated: At least one of the parents is incarcerated or institutionalized
- Incapacitated or disabled: At least one of the parents is incapacitated or disabled
- Unemployed Parent: If both parents are in the home, is the primary wage earner unemployed or under employed, incapacitated or disabled?

**Communication with the MES:**

The SSCM is responsible for providing this information to the MES via the Medicaid and IV-E Application for Foster Care. The following is the type of information that you will need to gather and communicate to the MES.

- Who has legal custody of the child
- Who was living in the home at the time the child was removed
• What is the relationship of each person living in the home to the child
• SSN of child if available
• SSN of person(s) with who had legal custody prior to the removal
• Citizenship of each person in home
• Parents’ places of employment and number of hours worked per week
• If both mother and father are in the home disability status of each
• Resources/assets of each person in the home
• Child’s income and resources
• Date of VPA or court order
• Expiration date of court order
• Does the language in the court order meet the IV-E requirements?
GROUP DISCUSSION
Gathering Information for the IV-E Application

Purpose:
This activity is designed to help Case Managers generate ideas and strategies for gathering the information needed for the IV-E application from parents and other sources.

Materials Needed: Group discussion questions in Participant Guide

Directions:

1. The class will be divided into two groups

2. Each group should select a facilitator. The facilitator will pose the questions and guide the group discussion.

3. The groups will engage in a discussion about how to gather information needed for the IV-E application using the questions posed by the facilitator. The groups will have approximately 10 minutes for this discussion.
Group A Discussion Questions:

1. What are some strategies/resources you can use to find out about a parent’s financial situation (i.e. place of employment, hours worked, public assistance benefits, resources and assets)?

2. What are some possible questions you can ask a parent to find out the relationship of everyone living in the home the child is being removed from?

3. What type of interviewing skills/approach could you use when talking with parents about this type of information?
Group B Discussion Questions:

1. When might be the best time (during the course of your work with the family) to talk to the family about this information? Remember, policy requires that the application for IV-E be transmitted to the MES within 5 days of the child coming into care.

2. How would you handle a parent who is resistant to giving you this information?

3. How would you document in your case record your attempts to get this information?
Section IV
IV-E Reimbursability and IV-B

IV-E for Social Services
Case Managers
IV-E Reimbursability

**IV-E eligibility** is determined once, when the child enters foster care. It is based on the child’s and family’s situation at the time of removal.

**IV-E reimbursability** refers to the federal share in paying for the cost of a child in care (i.e. whether or not we can charge the cost of care to IV-E FC as a funding source).

Although a child may be determined to be IV-E eligible, he or she may or may not be IV-E reimbursable at certain times depending on specific conditions. It is possible for a child to lose and regain reimbursability.
IV-E Re-determination:

The MES is responsible for conducting a IV-E re-determination every 6 months. Re-determination is:

A historical view of each of the past 6 months

and

An establishment of eligibility and reimbursability for the next 6 months

It is the SSCM’s responsibility to provide the MES with the information he or she needs to complete the re-determination. The MES will need the following information from you to complete re-determinations of IV-E children:

- Child’s financial need
- Information about deprivation
- Information about the child’s placement
- Information about legal responsibility
- Copies of court orders faxed to RevMax for the 12-month permanency hearing
IV-E Reimbursability
Financial Need

The child must meet IV-E income and resource limits for each month he or she is in care in order to be IV-E reimbursable. Only the child’s income and resources are considered.

The MES will need to know:

- If the child has income
- If child’s income is from employment, then the MES will need information about the child’s wages, hours, and school attendance status (full-time or part time)
- Child’s resources

IV-E Reimbursability
Continued Deprivation

The child must continue to be deprived of parental support of one or both parents. The home considered in applying this test is the removal home.

The MES will need to know:

- Is the child deprived of one or both parents? (this refers to the AFDC definition of deprivation)
- If both parents are in the home, is at least one parent unemployed or disabled or working less than full time?
IV-E Reimbursability
Placement

The child must be in a fully approved placement in order for the placement to be IV-E reimbursable.

The MES will need to know:
- What dates the child was in a fully approved placement
- What dates if any the child was not in a fully approved placement

Approved IV-E reimbursable placements:
- Relative foster home in full approval status
- Family foster home in full approval status (includes foster/adopt homes and therapeutic foster homes)
- Private non-profit or for-profit group home or child care facility licensed by the state (including most MATCH placements)
- Public child care group home or child care facility licensed for no more than 25 children

Non IV-E reimbursable placements:
- Juvenile detention centers (public or private)
- Youth forestry camps (secure and non-secure)
- Youth development center (YDC) and other public or private facilities (secure and non-secure) that are operated primarily for the detention of delinquent youth
- Medical facilities
DFCS must continue to have legal responsibility via a valid court order or VPA giving DFCS placement responsibility for the child. If there is a lapse in custody due to an expired court order (i.e., there is no continuation order entered to maintain custody), the child remains IV-E eligible, but is not reimbursable. The child may return to IV-E reimbursable status once a new court order with the “contrary to welfare” and “reasonable efforts” language is obtained.

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<td>No break in reimbursability. Child continues to be IV-E eligible and reimbursable</td>
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<td>Child remains IV-E eligible for this placement episode, but is not reimbursable. A hearing must be held and a judicial determination made that includes “contrary to welfare” and “reasonable efforts” language before child can be IV–E reimbursable again</td>
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Continued Legal Responsibility Example:

The court order giving DFCS temporary custody of Jody expires December 3, 2002. The Case Manager filed the petition for extension on November 30 and a hearing was scheduled for January 15. Jody remained in foster care continuously.

As a result of the hearing in January, a court order was issued continuing temporary custody with DFCS. The continuation order contained the “contrary to welfare” language and the “reasonable efforts” language.

Is Jody still IV-E eligible? Why or why not?

Would the temporary expiration of the court order affect IV-E reimbursability for Jody?

In this same scenario, suppose the custody order expired and the hearing was not held until February 15. How would Jody’s eligibility and/or reimbursability be affected?
There must be a **judicial determination pertaining to finalizing the permanency plan** in effect (i.e. reunification, adoption, guardianship, permanent placement with a fit and willing relative, or another planned permanent living arrangement) **within 12 months of the child’s removal**. This applies to all children in care. This finding is usually made at the permanency hearing (may be combined with the extension hearing) and subsequently every 12 months as long as the child is in care.

If the “**reasonable efforts to finalize**” finding is not made, the child cannot be IV-E reimbursable from the end of the 12th month following removal from the home.

When the judicial determination is made, IV-E payments can begin again effective the first day of the month in which the finding was made. The finding should be explicitly documented in the court order and made on a case-by-case basis.

**Judicial Determination Example:**

Michelle entered foster care October 15, 2001 by court order. The permanency plan for her is adoption. A TPR hearing is schedule for January 29, 2003. On October 1, 2002, the extension of custody hearing is scheduled. At the hearing, the judge extends custody of the child for 4 months and chooses to table the evidence related to permanency plan until the TPR hearing in January.

**Is Michelle still IV-E eligible?** Explain your rationale.

**Would IV-E reimbursability be affected in this case?**
### Summary of Court Order Requirements

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| Court Order Placement | • Best Interest  
                       • Contrary to the Welfare | First court order Signed by judge |
|                    | • “Reasonable Efforts to Prevent Removal” or “Reasonable Efforts are not Required” | Within 60 days from date of child’s removal from home |
| Voluntary Placement | • Best interest | By the 180<sup>th</sup> day of the placement |
| **Adoption Assistance** |          |                          |
| Voluntary Surrender | • Best interest  
                       • Contrary to the welfare | Initiate process to obtain within 6 months of the child’s placement  
**Note: These requirements are for the purpose of IV-E Adoption Assistance only** |
| **Reimbursement**  |          |                          |
| All Placements     | • Reasonable efforts to finalize the permanency plan in effect | Within 12 months from removal and each 12 months thereafter |
MORE PRACTICE WITH IV-E REIMBURSABILITY

Example One:
A IV-E eligible child was living in an approved foster home on October 1. The child was then placed in RYDC and remained in RYDC from October 5 – 22. He returned to the foster home on October 23.

How does the change in placement affect the child’s IV-E reimbursability? Explain.

Example Two:
A child was placed in Foster Care on April 10 and was determined to be IV-E eligible and reimbursable. On September 15, his father, who had been incarcerated, was released from jail and moved back into the removal home with the child’s mother. How might this change in the removal home affect IV-E eligibility and/or reimbursability?

In the same scenario, the child’s father was arrested and jailed again on February 10. How might this impact the child’s IV-E status?
Reporting Changes

Make a practice of reporting changes as they occur!

It is your responsibility as the child’s Case Manager to report any changes that might affect the child’s IV-E status. It is essential that you report changes to the MES as they occur. Although the MES will conduct a IV-E re-determination every 6 months, do not wait until the re-determination to report changes. This only causes extra work on everyone involved. Remember that changes in IV-E status also affect Accounting because they are responsible for making sure that expenses are paid from the correct “pot” of money. Social Services, Rev Max, and Accounting must all work together in this process. We are all in this boat together!
Internal Data System (IDS)

**Good casework includes data collection and reporting!**

IDS is used to track cases and services provided in the County departments. The **Form 590** is the tool used to capture this information, which is then added to IDS Online, the web-based data system.

Case Managers are required to keep IDS updated with current information about financial support for children in foster care. **Every change that occurs in a child’s IV-E status must also be reported in IDS.** The information captured in IDS is tied to the Federal AFCARS report and is related to the amount of money the state receives for the IV-E Foster Care Program.

Good casework practice includes the work that is done related to data and reporting. What you report, or fail to report, is directly related to how much money the agency receives for services and programs!
IV-B Eligibility (CW-FC)

What children are classified as IV-B?

1. A child would only be IV-B if the MES has determined that the child is not IV-E eligible.

2. When children are IV-E eligible, but because of circumstances are not IV-E reimbursable, payments are made from IV-B until reimbursability is regained.

3. Any youth who has been IV-E, but reaches the age of 18 and signs a Voluntary Consent to Remain in Foster Care, is classified as IV-B beginning the first day of the month following his 18th birthday.
GROUP ACTIVITY
THE IV-E PUZZLE

Purpose:
This activity is designed to review the learning to this point by having participants sort the different factors, policies or concepts into primary funding categories.

Materials needed:
A set of prepared index cards

Directions:
1. Work as a group
2. Read the cards
3. Place the red cards representing the funding categories on the table
4. As a group, decide which blue cards best belong under each funding category
5. Some cards could fit into more than one category
6. Be prepared to defend your answers by explaining how it relates to the category you chose
Section V
From Foster Care to Adoption

IV-E for Social Services
Case Managers
IV-E eligibility must be established for the child either at the time of removal from the home (for the AFDC eligible child) or when the adoption petition is filed (if the child is an SSI recipient).

It is critical that a IV-E determination be made when the child first enters care according to the timeframes outlined in policy, even if you believe the child will not remain in foster care but will be adopted immediately.

Submit Forms 223 and 224 along with a copy of the initial court order removing the child from the home to the Revenue Maximization Unit.

A copy of these forms and the court order are to be kept in the Adoption Assistance record. RevMax will make the determination of IV-E and send Form 225 to the SSCM.

- Once eligibility for IV-E Adoption Assistance is established, IV-E eligibility begins at the time of the adoptive placement as long as the Adoption Assistance agreement has been signed by the adoptive parents and the agency during the month of placement.

- IV-E Adoption Assistance continues through the month of the child’s 18th birthday. Under certain circumstances, a child may receive Adoption Assistance after age 18, but the funding source would be changed to state funds.

- If a child experiences dissolution of his adoptive placement, or if the adoptive parent dies, a child may receive IV-E Adoption Assistance in another adoptive placement.
❖ If a child experiences a disruption of his adoptive placement, the child retains his or her eligibility for IV-E Adoption Assistance. A new application (Form 223 and 224) for IV-E Foster Care must be completed and all other IV-E requirements (e.g. child’s income and resources, legal responsibility, judicial determinations) must be met in order for the child to receive IV-E Foster Care payments.

❖ A child of a minor parent who is receiving IV-E Foster Care maintenance payments that cover both the minor parent and the child at the time the adoption petition is initiated is eligible for IV-E adoption assistance.

❖ Children receiving SSI also receive IV-E AA Medicaid.

State Funded Adoption Assistance:
If a child meets the requirements for Adoption Assistance, but is not IV-E eligible, the child is eligible to receive state funded AA. Children who receive state funded AA are eligible for Medicaid unless they are undocumented or over income.
IMPORTANT!

A IV-E determination must be made at placement before the agreement is signed or when the child first enters care regardless of how the child enters care and even if the child will be adopted almost immediately.

IV-E eligibility must be established when the child enters care or, if SSI eligible, when the adoption petition is filed. Submit 223, 224 and initial court order (or proof of SSI) to RevMax

The MES will send form 225 to the SSCM documenting the IV-E determination.

SSCM keeps a copy of all Form 225s and other documents regarding the determination in the Adoption Assistance Record
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<td>VR with subsequent court order filed within 6 months of removal from AFDC eligible home. Court order must have CTW language.</td>
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1. If a child is not eligible for IV-E foster care could that child potentially be eligible for IV-E AA?

Yes. That is why it is a requirement to request a determination for IV-E eligibility for every child being placed on adoptive status.

2. Under what circumstances would a IV-B child be eligible for IV-E AA?

There are several situations in which this might happen:

a) Any child who receives SSI during the month of the filing of the adoption petition is eligible for IV-E AA. This includes children who have never been in the permanent custody of DHR with the exclusion of those being adopted by a step-parent or parent.

b) A child who is removed by court order from an AFDC eligible home will be determined IV-E for adoption assistance as long as the court order has the contrary to the welfare language and the petition leading to the removal order is filed timely. Reasonable efforts are not required.

c) A child need only be eligible for IV-E at one point in time: at the time of initial removal from the home of a relative. At the time of removal the child must meet the AFDC standards that were in effect July 16, 1996. The child does not need continuous eligibility as is required in IV-E FC. The lapsing of a court order has no impact on adoption assistance.
d) A child, who has been voluntarily relinquished to DHR, if AFDC eligible in the removal home, may be eligible for IV-E AA if a judicial determination is initiated within six months of removal from the home. The order must contain the finding that it would be contrary to the welfare of the child to return home and the voluntary relinquishment must be confirmed.

3. If a child enters care on a temporary basis and the parent then surrenders rights to the child to the Department of Human Resources, may this child be IV-E AA if a judicial determination is not initiated within six months of the surrender?

Yes, as long as the child met the AFDC criteria in the removal home, the initiation of the court order was within six months of the child’s removal and the removal order had the CTW language, the child may receive IV-E AA.

4. Does a child need to be in the permanent custody of DHR to be eligible for IV-E AA?

No. If the child meets the criteria in question #3 and is being placed for adoption with a specified relative, the agency may give permanent custody to the relative for the purpose of adoption at the time of TPR. The TPR must be initiated by DHR. If the child doesn’t meet the IV-E criteria as outlined, the child is not eligible for AA benefits.

If a special needs child is being adopted by a specified relative, even if the child is unknown to DHR, as long as the child meets the same IV-E eligibility criteria as in the previous paragraph, the child is eligible for IV-E AA. As children have frequently lived away from birth parents for an extended period of time when a relative proceeds with adoption, only those children for whom the judicial determination (with the CTW language) has been initiated within six months of living with the parent are eligible to receive benefits.
5. When were specified relatives able to receive IV-E AA for children who had never had a court ordered removal from the home and had never been in the permanent custody of DHR?

This policy was in effect from 1996 until February 2001.

6. Does the six months living with regulation apply to adoption assistance?

Yes.

7. What if a child’s parents have reunited when the adoption petition is filed? Will the child be ineligible for IV-E AA?

As long as the child met the IV-E criteria at the time of removal from the home the child remains IV-E AA when the adoption petition is filed.

8. If a child was IV-E FC and was then surrendered to the foster parent or some other identified family would the child be eligible for IV-EAA?

No. Only children who are IV-E eligible at the time of removal and are adopted by a specified relative, receive SSI at the time of the adoption petition being filed, or have a judicial determination confirming the surrender to a private child placing agency initiated within six months of living with the birth parent may receive IV-E funds. If a child is surrendered to a non-specified relative and the agency is not a party to the adoption, this is considered an independent adoption. Only IV-E eligible children may receive adoption assistance if they have never been in the permanent custody of DHR.

9. If a child is eligible for TANF at the time of removal, may that child be considered eligible for IV-E AA?

No. The child must meet the AFDC standards that were in effect July 16, 1996.
10. Does a child need to be in an approved /registered adoptive home to be eligible for Title IV-E AA?

No, although this approval status is required for foster care reimbursement, this is not a requirement for adoption.

11. If a child was in DHR foster care, would that child automatically be eligible for adoption assistance?

No, a child must be determined special needs to be eligible.

12. How long may a child receive IV-E AA?

IV-E funds terminate the month of the child’s 18th birthday. In some instances the child remains eligible for assistance, however, the funding source is changed to state funding at that point in time.

13. Will a child be eligible for IV-E funds if the child has entered care under a voluntary placement agreement?

A child is eligible to receive IV-E AA funds as long as the child is removed from an AFDC home and has received at least one IV-E foster care payment during the time of the VPA. There must be a judicial determination made with the CTW language within 180 days of the VPA agreement being initiated.
### Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Chart

In each of the situations below, the child is determined to be eligible for IV-E AA if the answer to EVERY question is yes for the given situation.

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| Children Not in the Custody of DHR (Private Agency Placement) | Was the child placed from the home pursuant to a voluntary relinquishment to a private, non-profit agency?  
At the time of the VR was the child receiving or eligible to receive AFDC (or eligible to receive AFDC during the six months prior to the VR in the removal home)?  
Was a petition leading to a judicial determination to confirm the voluntary relinquishment initiated within 6 months of the child living with the specified relative from whose home the removal occurred?  
Did the judicial determination confirming the VR contain the “contrary to the welfare” language?  
Was the judicial determination case specific? |
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| Children Not in the Custody of DHR (Relative Adoption) | Was the child removed from the home of a parent or specified relative?  
Was the removal the result of a judicial determination (may be a termination of parental rights)?  
At the time of removal was the child receiving or eligible to receive AFDC (or eligible to receive AFDC during the 6 months prior to removal or the petition leading to the removal being filed, whichever came first)?  
Was the petition leading to the judicial determination initiated within six months of removal?  
Did the judicial determination removing the child from the home contain the “contrary to the welfare” language?  
Is the child being adopted by a specified relative? |
| Child Not in the Custody of DHR but Received Title IV-E AA in a Prior Adoption | Does the child meet the definition of special needs?  
Is the child free for adoption?  
Have efforts been made to place the child without assistance? |
| Child Eligible as a Child of a Minor Parent and is Determined Special Needs | Is the child’s parent in foster care and receiving Title IV-E foster care maintenance payments that cover the minor parent and the child at the time the adoption petition is initiated? |
Section VI
Special Situations

IV-E for Social Services
Case Managers
ACTIVITY
SPECIAL SITUATIONS IN IV-E

Materials needed:
- Flip chart paper
- Markers
- Participant Guide

Directions:

1. Work in groups. Select a spokesperson to present your group’s work to the class.

2. Read the information in your Participant Guide about your assigned Special Situation and prepare a brief presentation to share with the rest of the class. In your presentation include: an overview/definition/explanation of the Special Situation, key policy references, IV-E implications, and the procedures for handling (including forms used, important communication, and timeframes). Try to be creative. Feel free to use color, drawings, etc. to teach this material to your classmates.

3. You will have approximately 20 minutes to read the material and prepare your presentation and approximately 5 minutes per group for presentations.
TRIAL HOME VISITS

- The child’s stay must be **less than 6 months** in order for the child to remain IV-E eligible. The only exception to this is when a court authorizes a visit for longer than 6 months.

- If the child returns to foster care within the 6 months or within the time specified by the court, the child may become IV-E reimbursable again.

- If the visit extends beyond the 6 months or the court ordered time frame, the child loses IV-E eligibility. If the child subsequently re-enters care, this is considered a new placement. A new IV-E determination must be made which includes a new judicial determination with the “contrary to the welfare” and “reasonable efforts language.”

The **SSCM tracks** the length of time that the IV-E child is on a trial visit and notifies the MES to determine the impact on the child’s IV-E status in the event that the child returns to care.

- Use Form 227 to communicate with MES
- Use Form 529 to report child’s placement moves
- Update IDS to reflect child’s current placement
The same IV-E policy for trial home visits applies to children in runaway status. While the child is on runaway, IV-E payments cannot be made. If the child is in runaway status for more than 6 months or if the court order expires, the IV-E process must begin again. Upon the child’s return, the child can become IV-E reimbursable again (i.e. IV-E payments can be reinstated).

The SSCM tracks the length of time that the IV-E child is on runaway status and notifies the MES to determine the impact on the child’s IV-E status in the event of the child’s return.

- Use Form 227 to communicate with MES
- Use Form 529 to report child’s placement moves
- Update IDS to reflect child’s current placement
• It is possible to include the costs for the care of a baby born to a minor mother who is IV-E eligible in the minor mother’s IV-E payment if they are living in the same placement.

• If the minor parent’s child is not in foster care (i.e. DFCS has custody of the mother, but not the mother’s baby), the minor parent’s per diem rate is increased to include the cost of the infant’s care in the same payment to the care provider.

The SSCM does the following:

1. Completes Form 529 (for the IV-E minor parent)
   a.) Annotates “MINOR PARENT AND CHILD” in the top right hand corner of the Form 529
   b.) Increases the minor parent’s per diem rate to include the cost of the infant’s care in the same payment.

2. Obtains authorizing signature on 529 and sends to Accounting

3. Assists minor parent in applying for Medicaid for her infant

If the infant is ever removed and placed apart from his or her mother, placement authority would have to be obtained for the infant, creating a separate foster care case and per diem for the infant. IV-E eligibility for the infant would have to be determined as usual.

**Important!**
The SSCM is responsible for communicating with the MES regarding IV-E children moving into or out of Georgia.

**Georgia IV-E child placed out of state:**

If a GA foster parent moves out of state with a Georgia foster child who is IV-E eligible, or if a Georgia foster child who is IV-E eligible is placed out of state, the home must be **approved as a IV-E placement by the receiving state** (i.e. the state to which the child is moving) in order for the child’s placement to be IV-E reimbursable.

Georgia is responsible for the initial and ongoing IV-E determinations. The receiving state is responsible for providing Medicaid if the child is eligible.

**The SSCM:**

- Completes a **Form 227** (Notification of Change in IV-E Status) and faxes form to the Rev Max Center
- Completes the 100A packet for ICPC
- Provides instructions to the care provider for obtaining Medicaid from the receiving state

**Out of State IV-E child placed in Georgia:**

If a foster parent from another state moves to Georgia, then the home must be approved by Georgia as an approved placement.

- The home state of the child (i.e. the sending state) is responsible for all ongoing IV-E determinations and the per diem payments.
- Georgia provides Medicaid. The MES will process the Medicaid application.
The SSCM:

- Completes the **Form 223** (Medicaid and IV-E Application for Foster Care) and faxes it to the Rev. Max. Center.

- Provides these verifications:
  - Child is receiving IV-E per diem from sending state
  - Child is currently in Georgia in an approved foster care placement
  - Child is under age 18
  - Child’s Social Security Number
  - Child’s address (foster home) for mailing the Medicaid card
- A IV-E determination must be made on every child, regardless of whether the child came into care already receiving SSI or became eligible for SSI while in care.

- Federal policy allows a child to be concurrently eligible for SSI and IV-E Foster Care. In most cases, a child who receives SSI will also be IV-E eligible.

- If a child is eligible for both SSI and IV-E, the Case Manager must decide which funding source is most advantageous for the child.

**Guidelines for Determining IV-E or SSI:**

- If the child’s per diem payment is **more than $853 a month**, make the child **IV-E reimbursable**. Notify SSA that the child receives IV-E per diem payments. As a result, the SSI check will probably be eliminated or at least reduced because IV-E payments are counted as income.

  - If the child subsequently loses IV-E eligibility, notify the SSA. The child’s SSI may be restored.
  - If the per diem payment is **less than $853**, **continue the SSI** and classify the child as IV-B (i.e. not IV-E reimbursable).

- Case Managers should also consider the following in making this decision:

  Continue the SSI if:
  - The child is expected to in care for a limited period of time.
  - The child is approaching 18 years of age
  - The child is in the process of being adopted
SSI ELIGIBLE CHILDREN

SSI CHILD ENTERS FOSTER CARE
SSCM completes Forms 223 and 224 and faxes information to the RSM Project and to the Rev Max Center

MES makes determination about IV-E eligibility and notifies SSCM via Form 225

If child is IV-E Eligible

Decide whether to continue SSI or have cost of care paid from IV-E funds

If decision is to continue SSI
Classify the child as IV-B and notify MES via Form 227 to stop IV-E reimbursements

If decision is to use IV-E funds
Notify SSA that child is receiving IV-E per diem payments and the effective date

If child is not IV-E eligible, classify child as IV-B
Notify MES of decision to continue IV-E reimbursements
SSI ELIGIBLE CHILDREN
(Foster Care Policy 1003.15 and 1003.16)

CHILDM IN CARE BECOMES A SSI RECIPIENT
SSCM notifies the MES via Form 227 and provides the monthly amount of the SSI and the effective date.

If child is also IV-E eligible, SSCM decides whether the child should receive SSI payments or have cost of care paid from IV-E funds.

If decision is to receive SSI:
- Classify child as IV-B and notify MES via Form 227 to stop IV-E reimbursements.
- Notify MES of decision to continue IV-E reimbursements.
- Notify SSA that child is receiving IV-E per diem payments and the effective date.

If decision is to use IV-E payments:
- Notify SSA that child is receiving IV-E per diem payments and the effective date.
As a part of the eligibility determination for IV-E and Medicaid, the MES will refer all parents of children in foster care to Child Support Enforcement (CSE) with the exception of certain children:

- Those for whom parental rights have been terminated
- Those who return home before the eligibility determination is made
- Those who receive Adoption Assistance benefits
- Those whose parents are unknown
- Those for whom “good cause” exists, e.g., parental rights surrendered
- Those who are in a relative placement without a per diem or ERR (Enhanced Relative Rate)

**Communication with the CSE agent is a 2-way street!**

RevMax is responsible for updating CSE on foster care cases. The SSCM needs to communicate with the MES when:

- Child returns home and effective date
- Parental rights terminated/relinquished and effective date
- Parent’s employment status changes
The CSE agent may be able to help you too:

- Search for absent parents through the Federal Parent Locator Services. This may help you in identifying extended family members when making placement and permanency plans.

- CSE can arrange and pay for paternity testing in cases that have been referred for **full CSE services**. In these cases, you can use the information that CSE obtains to work your foster case.

- Documentation of a parent’s payment history. This can be useful in preparing for a review, documenting evidence for a court hearing, or building a case for TPR.

Whether or not a child receives child support could affect IV-E eligibility and reimbursability because of the financial need criteria.
SSCM informs parents of their obligation to support their child in foster care and that they will be notified of an appointment with a CSE

MES refers the parents of all children entering care to CSE unless the child meets one of the exceptions noted in policy

**IMPORTANT!**
*If there is an existing juvenile court order for child support, provide a copy to the MES*

MES is responsible for updating CSE on all foster care cases.

SSCM may request information about a parent from CSE using Form 123
Section VII

IV-E

FORMS AND PROCEDURES

IV-E for Social Services
Case Managers
Indicating an Initial Funding Source

SSCM (or designated staff person) completes the **Form 527 within 5 days** of a child entering foster care.

SSCM or designated staff obtains the authorizing signature on the Form 527 and forwards to Accounting.

Keep a copy of the signed Form 527 in the child’s case record.
This form is used to indicate an initial funding source for a child entering Foster Care.

Tips!

- Check any available documents/data systems for correct spelling of child’s name, correct birth date and social security number.
- Information should be printed.
- Date Placed by Court Order is essential information for funding.

The program code checked is one of the Initial codes as determined by the child’s current placement:

- Initial Family Foster Care (UAS Code 503)
- Initial Institutional Foster Care (UAS Code 507)
- Initial SFC (Specialized Foster Care) State Approved Per Diem Waiver (UAS Code 579)
- Initial Privately Supervised FFC-Private Foster Care Agency (UAS Code 565)
### FORM 527 (Initial Authorization of Foster Care)

**Georgia Department of Human Resources**

**INITIAL AUTHORIZATION OF FOSTER CARE**

1. **Name of Child**
2. **Date of Birth**
3. **Sex**
   - Male
   - Female
4. **Social Security #**
5. **Medical #**
6. **Caseworker Name**
7. **Caseworker Phone Number**
8. **Date Placed by Court Order**
9. **Child’s County of Residence**
10. **Child’s Program (Check the appropriate block or blocks)**
   - Match Child (IV-E Eligible)
   - IV-E FFCA US Code 526
   - IV-E AID SFC US Code 529
   - CW: FFC (IV-B) US Code 532
   - Initial FFC US Code 533
   - FFC - State US Code 504
   - IV-E FFCA US Code 505
   - IV-E FFCA US Code 506
   - CW: FFC (IV-B) US Code 532
   - Initial FFCA US Code 533
   - CW: FFC US Code 522
   - Other

11. **Name of Foster Home / Institution**
12. **Address of Foster Home / Institution**
13. **Street or RFD**
14. **City**
15. **County**
16. **State**
17. **Zip Code**

**AUTHORIZED OF BOARDING CARE**

15. I hereby certify that the action indicated is in accordance with Departmental rules and regulations and that boarding care in behalf of a child is authorized (continuously until notified) at the daily rate specified above.

   **Effective Date**
   - **Month**
   - **Day**
   - **Year**

   **Authorized By**
   - **Date**
   - **Month**
   - **Day**
   - **Year**

   - **Required for MATCH Children Only (If child is Medicaid eligible)**
   - **Do not complete for MATCH children**
Applying for Medicaid through Revenue Maximization

SSCM (or designated staff person) completes the **Medicaid Information Section of the Form 223 within 5 working days** (or sooner, if possible) of the child entering care.

Fax the application to the Revenue Maximization Intake Unit.

**Fax number: 404/657-1209**

Revenue Maximization Intake Unit provides notification of RSM Eligibility to the county office. A temporary Medicaid card is issued if requested.

The case is then transferred to the appropriate Revenue Maximization Regional office for the IV-E determination.
Form 223
MEDICAID & IV-E APPLICATION FOR FOSTER CARE
AND ADOPTION ASSISTANCE

Form 223 is used to apply for **immediate** medical coverage for the child through the Revenue Maximization Intake Unit. The Form 223 also provides the MES with the information needed to make a determination about IV-E Foster Care and Medicaid.

- Before completing the form, screen available sources for history and other information about the family.

- Check SUCCESS (OFI’s computer system) to see if there is an existing Medicaid case. If a case exists, notify the OFI worker to remove child due to the current RSM application.

- Complete every question and item on the form. If info is unknown, then document “unknown”. If only incomplete info is known, then document what you know. For example, an exact address may not be known, but a street name is better than no address at all. A birth date may be unknown, but an age, even an approximate age, may still be useful info.

- Update the IV-E section of the application as information becomes available and re-send the application to RevMax. The RevMax MES will hold the application up to 45 days to determine if the IV-E requirements can be established.

- Make yourself available to the MES if he or she has questions or needs further clarification about your application.
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Medicaid and IV-E Application for Foster Care and Adoption Assistance

This form is completed for each child entering foster care within five (5) working days of the child’s placement

Date 527 sent to Accounting: __________________________

Applicant Child’s Name: ____________________________

DOB: __________________ US Citizenship: Y N Note: If not a US Citizen, attach a copy of the INS documentation

Child’s Mother: ____________________________ SSN: __________________

Address: ____________________________ City, State, Zip: ____________________________

Child’s Father: ____________________________ SSN: __________________

Address: ____________________________ City, State, Zip: ____________________________

Parents are: ○ Married ○ Never Married ○ Separated ○ Divorced Has paternity been established? ○ Yes ○ No

Has child support been ordered in the juvenile court? ○ Yes ○ No If YES, attach a copy of the order for USE.

MEDICAID INFORMATION: County: ____________________________ Removal Date: ____________________________

Prior Month’s MAO: ○ Yes ○ No Month: ____________________________

1. Does this child receive any income directly? ○ Yes ○ No Is income Supplemental Social Security Income (SSI)? ○ Yes ○ No

If YES, indicate type, amount and frequency: ____________________________ $ ______________________

2. Does this child have any resources? ○ Yes ○ No

If YES, indicate type and amount: ____________________________ $ ______________________

3. Is the child pregnant? ○ Yes ○ No Verifed and documented? ○ Yes ○ No Estimated Delivery Date: ____________________________

4. Is the child covered by health insurance other than Medicaid? ○ Yes ○ No

If YES, name of insurance company: ____________________________ Policy #: ____________________________

Name of insured: ____________________________ Relationship to child: ____________________________ Copy of card? ○ Yes ○ No

JPPS/SSCM Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Printed name of JPPS/SSCM: ____________________________ Phone: ( ) ____________________________ FAX: ( ) ____________________________

IV-E INFORMATION:

INITIAL COURT ORDER(S) FAXED: ○ YES ○ NO

4a. List the name of the person with whom the child was living at removal

b. Is there a parent specified relative* other? If specified relative or other, list relationship ____________________________

c. In the court order, from whom is custody removed? ____________________________

d. Is the person named in 4c the same person as in 4c? Yes No If NO, did the child live with the person in 4c within the 6 months prior to removal from the home? Yes No If YES, list the months: ____________________________

*For question 4b, specified relative is defined as a relative within the degree of relationship by 1996 AFDC policy

List standard filing unit members in the removal home:

Name DOB Relationship to child Gender Race SSN

____________________________________ _______________ ____________________________ ____________________________ ____________________________

____________________________________ _______________ ____________________________ ____________________________ ____________________________

____________________________________ _______________ ____________________________ ____________________________ ____________________________

5. Parental Derivation (for AFDC Relatedness) Circle all that apply and parent(s) involved:

Absence ○ Death ○ Incarceration ○ Disability/incapacity ○ Unemployed Parent

Mother ○ Father ○ Mother ○ Father ○ Mother ○ Father ○ Mother ○ Father

6. Is the child placed in an approved foster care or child caring institution? ○ Yes ○ No

Name and address of current placement:

Relationship: ____________________________

____________________________________ _______________ ____________________________ ____________________________ ____________________________

7. Legal Information: Date of Juvenile Court complaint/petition, VPA, or VS signature date: ____________________________

Physical/Constructive removal date: ____________________________ Date of court hearing: ____________________________

a. Circle order type: out of court or VPA or VS ____________________________

b. If VPA or VS, date of VPA/VS ____________________________

c. Does initial court order contain “contrary to welfare best interest” language? ○ Yes ○ No ____________________________

d. Was a court order that addresses “reasonable efforts to prevent removal” obtained within 60 days of child’s removal? (see to Adoption Assistance) ○ Yes ○ No Date of court order or hearing: ____________________________

JPPS/SSCM Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Printed name of JPPS/SSCM: ____________________________ Phone Number ( ) ____________________________
INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORM 223

APPLICANT CHILD’S NAME: Use the child’s formal name and not a nickname.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: If you have a SSN for the child enter it. In some cases the child will not have a SSN or you may be unable to get the SSN. In this case, enter unknown and proceed with the application.

DOB: Be sure to provide the correct DOB.

U.S. CITIZENSHIP: Answer either yes or no. Do not leave blank. If the child is not a U.S. Citizen, attach a copy of INS documentation verifying alien status. If you don’t have INS documentation at the time the application is being completed, this will need to be noted and submitted once it is received.

CHILD’S MOTHER/ CHILD’S FATHER: Document as much information as you can obtain. Remember that “partial” info (for example, the age of the father rather than his actual birth date) is better than no information.

PARENTS ARE: Circle the marital status of the parents of the child. Also indicate whether paternity has been established for the child.

HAS CHILD SUPPORT BEEN ORDERED IN JUVENILE COURT?: Circle yes or no. If yes, then fax a copy of the court order to RevMax along with the Form 223.

MEDICAID INFORMATION:

Question 1 - DOES THIS CHILD RECEIVE ANY INCOME DIRECTLY? Include income that the parent receives on behalf of the child such as Social Security, child support, SSI or any income earned by the child.

Question 2 - DOES THIS CHILD HAVE ANY RESOURCES? Only indicate resources that are in the child’s name and are directly accessible by the child. Examples include: savings accounts or savings bonds that are in the child’s name, or a car that is titled and registered in the child’s name.
Question 3 – IS THE CHILD PREGNANT?
Indicate whether the child is pregnant and whether this has been verified by a medical source. If the Estimated Delivery Date (sometimes annotated as EDD) is known, notate it. If either the verification of the pregnancy or the EDD is available, fax it with the Form 223.

Question 4 – IS THE CHILD COVERED BY HEALTH INSURANCE OTHER THAN MEDICAID?
In other words, do the child’s parents cover him under a private health insurance policy? Document any available information. If a copy of the health insurance card is available, fax it with the Form 223.

NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR SSCM
The SSCM completes the application by signing, dating and printing her name in the Medicaid Information of the Form 223. Phone numbers (including cell) and fax number should be documented.

IV-E INFORMATION:

INITIAL COURT ORDERS FAXED
The REVMAX case record must contain all copies of initial court orders. Indicate whether they have been faxed or not. The Revenue Maximization Regional Office should receive a copy of the initial court order within 10 working days of the child’s placement. The MES is instructed to contact the SSCM if the court order is not received during this 10 days.

4a. – LIST THE NAME OF THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE CHILD WAS LIVING AT REMOVAL
Determine with whom the child was physically living at the time of removal (i.e. the month the VPA was signed or the child was removed by court order).
4b. IS THIS A ___ PARENT ___ SPECIFIED RELATIVE ___ OTHER?
Indicate if the person the child was living with was a parent, a relative or other.
If other or specified relative is check, then the relationship of this person to the child must be documented.

4c. IN THE COURT ORDER, FROM WHOM IS CUSTODY REMOVED?
Document the individual from whom legal custody was removed when the child was removed from the home.

4d. IS THE PERSON NAMED IN 4c THE SAME PERSON AS 4a?
Check yes if the person the child was living with at the time of removal and from whom custody was removed were the same.
If it was not the same person, then check no and indicate whether the child lived with the person listed on 4c in the last six months. Then list each of the months that the child lived with this person.

List household members in the removal home:
The specified relative with whom the child lived most recently (during the eligibility month or within six months prior to the eligibility month) and from whom legal custody was removed is considered the removal home. List the household members and other identifying information for this home.

Question 5 - PARENTAL DEPRIVATION:
This question refers to the OFI definition of deprivation. Circle each type of deprivation that applies and to which parent it applies.

Helpful Hint: DEPRIVATION - UNEMPLOYED PARENT
If there are two parents in the home, ask yourself:

(1) Is one or both of them unemployed? If yes, deprivation exists. Circle whether this applies to the Mother, Father or both.

(2) If one of or both of them is working, how many hours per week do they work? Is it less than full-time? If it is less than full-time, deprivation could exist. Note on the form the number of hours per week the parent is working and which parent this applies to.

Although the form doesn’t specifically ask for this information, this is something the MES will need to know. Writing it in on the form may save some time later.
Question 6 – IS THE CHILD PLACED IN AN APPROVED FOSTER CARE OR CHILD CARING INSTITUTION?
Child must be in a home with “full approval status” as defined by state regulations for foster homes, to be IV-E eligible. If the child is in a DFCS foster home, check with your Resource Development staff to see if the home is in “full approval status.” Another resource is the IDSONLINE Foster/Adoptive Report. If the child is in a private facility, you should be checking Appendices F, G and I in the Foster Care Policy manual for the list of approved group homes, childcare facilities and private foster care agencies.

Question 7 - LEGAL INFORMATION

DATE OF JUVENILE COURT COMPLAINT/PETITION, VPA, OR VS SIGNATURE DATE
Enter the date the complaint or petition was filed (whichever was earlier) or the date the VPA or VS was signed.

PHYSICAL/CONSTRUCTIVE REMOVAL DATE
Enter date the child was removed from the home or voluntarily placed in care

DATE OF COURT HEARING
Enter the date of the hearing.

7a. CIRCLE ORDER TYPE
This is refers to the type of placement authority

7b. IF VPA OR VS, DATE OF VPA/VS
This should be the same date that was entered in the first question

7c. DOES INITIAL COURT ORDER CONTAIN “CONTRARY TO WELFARE/BEST INTEREST” LANGUAGE?
Circle Yes or No
7d. WAS A COURT ORDER THAT ADDRESSES “REASONABLE EFFORTS TO PREVENT REMOVAL” OBTAINED WITHIN 60 DAYS OF CHILD’S REMOVAL?
Circle Yes or No

Helpful Hint: Remember that this language may be included in any court order that is issued within the first 60 days of the child entering care.

DATE OF COURT ORDER OR HEARING
Enter the date of the court order.
If the court order was issued nunc pro tunc (i.e. the order will be signed after the 60 days, but the judge’s finding was actually made at a hearing that was held within the 60 days), circle yes and indicate nunc pro tunc in the date of order space.

Important!
If the finding was made at a hearing that was held within the 60 days, then the language requirement is met even if the court order was not signed and sent to you until later. You will need to complete a Notification of Change in IV-E Status (Form 227) and submit to MES once the order is received signed and dated.
The Form 224 is used to provide the MES with information about the income and assets of the removal home.

- Complete **every** line on the form writing “no” if the family does not have a particular type of income or asset and writing ‘unknown’ if you are unsure.

- For each income or asset listed you must also state to whom the income or asset belongs. Write in the person’s name in the Recipients column next to the corresponding income or asset.

- The form asks for the gross amount of monthly employment income. If you don’t know the monthly amount but can get an hourly amount, enter the hourly amount. Be sure to **note that this is hourly** and how many hours (on the average) the person works per week. The MES will can determine the monthly amount.

- For vehicles, it is important to determine which person actually **owns** the vehicle. If the parent has a car, but there is still money owed on it, list the vehicle, but be sure to **note the approximate amount owed and the monthly payment amount** if you can get this information from the parent.

- If there is no known income or resources for the household then you must document how the family is managing without any income or resources.

- You may learn additional information later. Update this form and re-fax it to the MES as information becomes available.
**Georgia Department of Human Resources**

**Removal Home Income and Asset Checklist**

**Child’s Name:**

**DOB:**

**Medicaid #:**

**Mother’s Name:**

**Father’s Name:**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** List the amounts of income and resources of the removal family by family member. Include any details known, such as employment, in the space provided. If there is no income or resources of a particular type, write N/A in the space provided. Attach additional sheets if more space is needed. If no income or resources are reported, household management must be addressed in the section provided.

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**Income Source** | **Cross Am/Mo** | **Recipients** | **Description**
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**Employment** |  |  | Full or part-time work where a paycheck is received. Operation of a family day care in the family’s home is considered self-employment. Employer, name, address, and phone number:

**Miscellaneous** |  |  | Events of work where the work and pay do not occur on a regular basis. Example: Part-time work for a few hours a week (amount of time noted).

**Interest and Dividends** |  |  | Interest paid on a savings or checking account, paid monthly. Dividends are payments made by a company to owners of the company's stock.

**Child Support or Alimony** |  |  | Any payments made by the parent(s) who is obligated to financially support a child or spouse. Court ordered child support. Yes or No. Attach copy of order. If child support was ordered in another court of competent jurisdiction, specify the type of order and attach copy. O/CSS order O/Dissent order issued in ______ County, State of ______

**Adoption Assistance** |  |  | Subsidies paid to parents adopting a child(ren) with special needs. Paid to whom:

**Unemployment Benefit** |  |  | Payment made weekly by the State to an unemployed worker who has been laid off or fired by their previous employer.

**Worker’s Compensation** |  |  | Payment made by insurance companies on behalf of a company to a worker who has been injured or sick on the job and cannot work for a period of time.

**Social Security Benefits** |  |  | Federal funds paid monthly to eligible persons, age 62 or over, or disabled, and their dependents. Social security may be paid on behalf of a deceased family member.

**Supplemental Security Income** |  |  | SSI is a monthly payment to persons who are aged, blind, or disabled. Note: If SSI is received by the child, child is IV.E eligible at time of filing of adoption petition.

**Veteran’s Benefits** |  |  | Monthly payments made to a person who served in the U.S. military. If veteran is disabled or deceased, a family member may receive the payment.

**Military Allotments** |  |  | A portion of a service member’s pay set-aside for a family member, paid periodically.

**TANF Benefits** |  |  | Monthly benefits paid out by States to needy families (welfare).

**Commissions** |  |  | Any money received from friends and family.

**Resources** | **Dollar Value** | **Owner**
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**Cash** |  |  |

**Checking or Savings** |  |  |

**Money Laid** |  |  |

**Certificate of Deposit (CD’s)** |  |  |

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**How is the household managing without income and/or resources?**

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Does anyone working pay for child care or for the case of a disabled adult living at home? **Yes** or **No**

If yes, to whom is money paid? ____________________________ Amount paid per month: $ ____________________________

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**JPS/SSCM Signature:**

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**Printed Name of SSCM/TPPS:** ____________________________ **Phone number:** (_____ ) _____

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**IV-E Training for Social Services**  
**Case Managers**

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The Form 225 is used by the MES to document their actions on IV-E cases.

- Whenever you receive this form, review to determine action taken.
- Keep a copy of all 225s received from the MES in the child’s case record.
Form 529 is used by the MES to communicate changes in funding sources for children in foster care

Expect to receive 529s from the MES:
♦ When a child is changed from “Initial” to the appropriate funding source (IV-E or IV-B) after the determination is made

♦ At re-determination. The MES generates a 529 whether there is a change to the child’s IV-E payment status or not.

♦ Any time there is a change in a child’s funding source

♦ SSCMs are responsible for making sure the 529 is completed and signed before forwarding it to Accounting. This includes entering the correct UAS code on the form if necessary.

♦ SSCMs also use this form to report other foster care changes (e.g. when a child moves from one placement to another or when a child’s per diem changes)

Always keep a copy of the completed and signed 529s in the child’s case record.
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11) MATCH child becomes Medicaid eligible effective | Enter Medicaid Number |
| Month | Day | Year |   |   |   |

12) MATCH child Medicaid # changed effective | Enter New Medicaid Number |
| Month | Day | Year |   |   |   |

13) MATCH child loses Medicaid eligibility effective |   |   |   |
| Month | Day | Year |   |   |   |

14) Change Authorized Foster Care Per Diem Rate to $ |   |   |   |

15) Boarding Care is Terminated effective | Reason |
| Month | Day | Year |   |   |   |

16) If child is transferred to another home, give name: | Effective Date |   |   |   |
|   | Month | Day | Year |   |   |   |

Address: Street or RFD | City | County | State | Zip Code |
|   |   |   |   |   |

17) Authorized By: County Director or Designee | Date | Month | Day | Year |

- Do not complete for MATCH children
Within 5 working days of a child’s entering care, the SSCM (or designated staff person) initiates the IV-E process.

Update the application as needed and re-fax to the RevMax Center. The MES will hold the application for up to 45 days to determine if the IV-E requirements can be met.

Update the application

MES sends the Form 225 to SSCM with the initial decision about the child’s eligibility.

MES generates a Form 529 sends to Accounting (as a tickler) and the County Department for the appropriate signature.

SSCM keeps copies of all signed 529s in the case record and updates IDS.

Complete the IV-E Information section of the Form 223 and the Form 224 with known information and fax the application to the RevMax Regional Office.
Redeterminations that are due each month are entered on a list that is sent by RevMax to the county office.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORM 226**

**Question #1:** Answer each question if the child entered care by a Voluntary Placement Agreement. Court order issued within 180 days of placement with BI/CTW language: Answer yes or no. If yes, enter date of court order. VPA signed by parent and agency: Answer yes or no. If yes, enter date the VPA was signed.

**Question #2:** Answer each question if the child entered care by a court order on or after 3/27/2000.

**Question #3:** Only answer these questions if the child entered care before 3/27/2000 by court order. If the child entered care after this date, skip this question.

   **Note:** The answers for questions 1-3 will not change between 6-month periods (i.e. at each re-determination period); however, you must still complete this information.

**Question #4:** Answer yes or no and enter the dates of all court orders that included the judicial determination that “reasonable efforts to finalize permanency plan were made”. Remember to fax all court orders to RevMax.

**Question #5:** Answer Yes or No. If yes, enter the date of the current court order and the expiration date of the current court order. If no, enter the date of the court order relieving the department of custody and the reason the agency was relieved of custody.
**Question #6**: MES needs to know if deprivation, based on the absence, disability, and/or unemployment of either parent, continues to exist. Indicate any months that deprivation did not exist. Enter the parent’s personal information, including name of employer if applicable.

**Helpful Hint**: This question is referring to the home that has been determined to be the removal home.

**Question #7**: If the child has an income from working, Social Security, SSI benefits or Child Support it should be documented. The monthly cost of care (per diem) for each of the past six months the child was in care should be noted. If there were months where the child’s income exceeded the cost of care, those months should be noted. Any changes in the child’s resources should be noted and described.

**Question #8**: Since unapproved placements are not IV-E reimbursable, MES needs to know what dates (if any) the child was in an unapproved placement.

**Tips!**
- Complete this form in its entirety
- Submit to MES by deadline indicated
MEDICAID and IV-E Redetermination Form
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Child's Full Name: Child's Ali No:
Date of Birth: Child's Medicaid No:
Date Child entered care: Month Review Due:
Current Placement:

1. If the child entered care via a VFA:
   Was a court order issued within 180 days of the child's placement containing the language "best interest/contrary to the welfare" for the child who initially entered foster care? o Yes o No Date of court order:
   Was the VFA signed by parent/legal guardian and agency representative? o Yes o No Date signed:

2. If the child entered care on or after 03/27/2000 via a court order:
   Did the initial removal order contain best interest/contrary to the welfare language? o Yes o No Date of court order:
   Was there a judicial determination with reasonable efforts to prevent removal or reasonable efforts were not required language obtained no later than 60 days from the date of removal? o Yes o No Date of court order:

3. If the child entered care prior to 03/27/2000 via a court order:
   Is there a subsequent order that contains best interest/contrary to the welfare language? o Yes o No Date of court order:
   Note: if more than 6 months have elapsed from the initial court order without a court order with the B/A/CTW Language, the child is not IV-E eligible.
   Was there a judicial determination with reasonable effort to prevent removal language? o Yes o No Date of court order:
   Was there a judicial determination with reasonable efforts were made to reunify child and family language? o Yes o No Date of court order:

4. Regardless of date child entered care:
   Has there been a judicial determination with reasonable efforts to finalize permanency plan language every 12 months since the child entered care? o Yes o No Date of court order:

5. Does DFCS continue to have legal responsibility for the child? o Yes o No Date of court order:
   If yes, expiration date of current court order:
   If no, date of birth of custody: Reason:

6. Does deprivation continue to exist? o Yes o No If yes, check types of deprivation and which parent:
   o Absent o Deceased o Handicapped o Unemployed o Termination of Parental Rights o Other: o Mother o Father
   If disabled, incapacitated or unemployed is checked, current medical information or employment information will be required.
   Indicate any months that deprivation did not exist by an X 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 N/A
   Complete the following information: Mother Father
   Name:
   SSN:
   Current Address:
   Employer/Source of income:

7. What is the child's monthly income? Source:
   What is the cost of care by month (monthcost):

   Indicate any months that income was greater than the cost of care by an X 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 N/A
   Are there any changes to the child's resources? o Yes o No Value of Resources:
   Describe changes:

8. Were all placements approved/licensed provider? o Yes o No If no, list time frame the child was in a non-approved/unlicensed placement:
   From (Month/Day/Year):
   To (Month/Day/Year):
   JPS/SSCM Signature:
   JPS/SSCM Printed Name:
   Date:
   Phone:

Form 226 (R. 07/05) Original - Services Record Copy faxed to RevMax MES

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Medicaid and IV-E Re-Determination

RevMax sends a list of redeterminations due for the month

SSCM completes the Form 226 and submits to MES by deadline indicated

MES sends Form 225 to SSCM confirming any change in the child’s eligibility and the effective date

MES generates a Form 529 and sends to Accounting (as a tickler) and the County Department for the appropriate signature

SSCM ensures that the signed 529 is forwarded to Accounting. Keep a copy in the case record and update IDS
The Form 227 is used to communicate to the MES any changes in the child’s status that might affect IV-E eligibility or reimbursability.

- The SSCM is responsible for communicating changes to the MES that may affect the child’s IV-E status. Changes should be reported in a timely manner as they occur, but no later than 10 days after they occur.

- In response, the MES will send a Form 225 confirming any changes in the child’s eligibility and the effective date.

- Any changes in the child’s funding classification must also be entered on IDS.

- Remember to keep a copy of all forms in the case record.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORM 227**

**Court Order Language:**

Refers to the requirement for a judicial determination of “reasonable efforts to finalize” the permanency plan in effect that is required within 12 months of a child entering foster care.

**Foster Care Placement:**

If the child has changed placements, the names and effective dates should be noted here. Be sure to enter the information in the appropriate space based on whether or not the new placement is a “fully approved” placement for IV-E or a non IV-E approved placement.
Adoption Assistance:
Any dates concerning Adoption placement, filing for Adoption petition or Adoption finalization should be documented here.

Parental Deprivation:
If there was a change in deprivation factor in the removal home, that change should be reported here. The date this change is effective, the parent whose status changed, and the deprivation factors must be reported.

Child’s Income/Resources:
Any change in the child’s income or resources and the effective date are reported here. This includes reporting when DFCS becomes the payee for a child’s benefits (i.e. SSI, SSA, or child support).

Age:
If the child has reached 18 yrs. of age, it is reported on this form with the date of the 18th birthday.

Legal Responsibility:
If DFCS has been relieved of custody or if a court order on a child expired, it must be reported with the effective date.
Note: This form should also be used to report if an expired court order has been re-instated. The effective reinstatement date should be noted.

VPA:
In the case of Voluntary Placements the date of the judicial determination must be documented as well as the fact that it was or was not obtained within 180 days of placement.

Trial Home Visit:
If the trial home visit exceeded 6 months or the time frame authorized by the court, the exceeded date should be noted.
### GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
#### NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN FOSTER CARE OR ADOPTION ASSISTANCE

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#### Court Order Language

- **Judicial determination was made on this date:**
- **Date of the court order with the required language is:**
- **Judicial determination was NOT made because:**
  - It was contested from the court order;
  - The court found that DPCs had NOT made “reasonable efforts”;
  - The filing was not timely, i.e., within 2 months

#### Foster Care Placement

- **Child was placed in a fully approved/licensed facility effective:**
- **Name/Address:**
  - Child moved to the above placement from another IV-E serviceable facility? Yes or No
  - To avoid two IV-E payments on the same day(s) of the child’s move or concurrent placement, indicate in “Comments” the Name/Address of the prior placement facility and the date(s) of the IV-E payment.
  - Child placed in a NON IV-E approved placement effective:
  - Name/Address:

#### Adoption Assistance

- **Adoptive placement effective date:**
- **Adoption petition filing date:**
- **Adoption finalized as of date:**

#### Parental Deprivation

- **A change occurred in more or less of these “deprivation factors” in the removal home:**
  - **Absent parent returned**
  - Parent deceased
  - Parent disabled/incapacitated
  - Parent unemployed
  - Parent surrendered parental rights
  - Parent affected by this change:
    - **Father**
    - **Mother**

#### Income/Resources (child’s)

- **There was a change in the child’s income in the amount of $**
  - received from:
    - **SSI**
    - **Child Support**
    - **VA Benefits**
    - **Social Security**
    - **Personal savings**
    - **Other (specify):**

- **The child acquired resources valued at:**

#### Age

- **This child reaches (or has reached) age 18 on (date):**

#### Legal Responsibility

- **Effective Date:**
  - DPCs no longer has legal responsibility for the child because:
    - Custody case expired
    - DPCs was relieved of custody
    - Other (explain):

- DPCs re-instituted its expired order effective (date):

#### VPA

- **A judicial determination that continuation in foster care is in the “best interest” of the child:**
  - Was obtained from the court within 180 days of placement
  - Was NOT obtained from the court within 180 days of placement.

- **Effective date:**

#### Trial Home Visit

- The child’s trial home visit exceeded 6 months or the time frame authorized by the court

**Comments**

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**SSCM/JPPS signature:** __________________________  **CL #:** __________________________  **County:** __________________________

**SSCM/JPPS Printed Name:** __________________________  **Telephone No.:** ( ) __________

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Form 227 (Rev. 10/05)  Original – Services Record  (Fax) Revenue Maximization Regional Office

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**12-06**
Communicating Changes to the MES

SSCM completes Form 227 and faxes/sends to MES in Rev Max Center.

MES generates a Form 529 if necessary and submits to Accounting and the County Department for the appropriate signature.

MES sends Form 225 to SSCM confirming any change in the child’s eligibility and the effective date.

SSCM files copies of all forms in the case record and enters changes in IDS.
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<td><strong>Complete “Medicaid Information” section of Form 223</strong> (Medicaid and IV-E Application for Foster Care) and FAX to the RevMax for a determination of RSM. Also FAX to the Rev Max Intake Unit as a case tickler.</td>
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<td><strong>Initiate the IV-E process by completing “IV-E Information” section of the Form 223 and the Form 224</strong> (Income and Asset Checklist) and FAX to the Rev Max Center for a determination of IV-E Eligibility and Medicaid class of assistance. Update forms as information becomes available and re-fax to Rev Max Center.</td>
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Section VIII

FINAL ACTIVITY
“The Case Manager’s In-Box”
Purpose:
To apply the policy, definitions and procedures learned in training to actual case scenarios and evaluate how well participants mastered this material

Materials Needed:
Participant Guide:

Moxley Family Activities

Forms and Procedures Section, including the Eligibility Timeline

Directions:
1. Work individually
2. Read all the case materials for each activity as directed by the trainer
3. Complete the written assessment for each activity and complete any forms that are necessary to complete each activity
4. Use the material in your Participant Guide as a reference if needed.
MOXLEY FAMILY (ACTIVITY 1)

Directions to Participants:

Read the Case History/Summary below and review all of the case material in your Participant Guide for this activity. Then, complete the assessment. You will have approximately 20 minutes to complete this activity.

Case History/Summary:

Sunday (10/21/01) at 11:00 A.M. the Fire Department responded to an apartment fire. When they arrived they found 12 yr old Daniel and 4 yr old Janice huddled together in the living room with a fire raging in the kitchen. The children were home alone. Daniel told the firemen that his mother was at work and he was just trying to cook some food for himself and his sister, when the curtains caught on fire and the fire spread throughout the kitchen. When asked where his mother worked, Daniel said at ‘the restaurant’ he didn’t know the name, location or phone number.

CPS intake and law enforcement were contacted and pick up order was issued to take the children into protective custody until their mother could be located. Daniel and Janice were placed in an approved foster home with the Simmons family.

10/22/01 CM C. Jones, CPS Investigations, was assigned the case. CM Jones received a call from the local police stating that Daniel and Janice’s mother, Linda Moxley, called looking for her children. They told her that the children had been taken into CPS custody and that a caseworker would be in touch with her soon.

10/22/01 CM Jones met with Ms. Moxley. Ms. Moxley was in tears as she explained to CM Jones that her babysitter, Ms. Mae, died from a heart attack one week ago. Her babysitter was like a mother to her and the only support she had. The children were very close to Ms. Mae and regularly had their meals at her house, down the street from their apartment. Ms. Moxley was extremely depressed after Ms. Mae’s death and did not go back to work until her boss came to her home and said if she did not return to work immediately, she would be fired. She returned
to work the Sunday of the fire thinking that she would check on her children on her lunch hour. She had instructed Daniel and Janice not to touch the stove and not to let anyone in the apartment. She was sure they’d be all right.

Ms. Moxley explained to the CM that she was afraid for her children’s safety because she just didn’t know how much more she could take. Her husband, Daniel’s father died when Daniel was 2 yrs. old (he receives SSA) and Janice’s father, Tyrone Streeter is currently incarcerated on domestic violence charges. Mr. Streeter and Ms. Moxley never married but have lived together “on and off” according to Ms. Moxley. She states that when he was in the home, Mr. Streeter made “most of the money.” Now that he is in jail, the burden is on her. Ms. Moxley also states she suffered a mental breakdown 6 yrs. ago when her parents died in a car accident right before the birth of her daughter. That was when she met Ms. Mae. She is now faced with finding other housing and identifying a resource for childcare.

10/23/01  After completing the initial investigation and determining that Ms. Moxley had no other relatives or friends to help with her children, CM Jones advised Ms. Moxley that she would be recommending to the court that the children remain in foster care until Ms. Moxley was stable.

10/24/01  The 72-hour hearing was held and the judge ordered that the children remain in protective custody. The case was transferred to the foster care case manager, Mr. Thomas, on the same date.

10/31/01  The adjudicatory hearing was held. The children were found to be deprived and temporary custody was granted to DFCS. The Initial (i.e. 30-day) Case Plan was developed with Ms. Moxley and incorporated into the court order. Daniel and Janice remained in the Simmons foster home.
**Participant’s Assignment:**

You are Mr. Thomas, the Foster Care Case Manager who was assigned this case. Respond to the questions below.

**Assessment Questions:**

1. Describe what needs to be done within 5 days of the child entering Foster Care including forms and timeframes.
2. Review the Pick-up order and the 72 Hour order. For each court order answer the following:

A. Which order would you use for IV-E eligibility?

B. What IV-E language is used in the order?

C. Does the language used meet the IV-E requirement? Explain.

D. Is there case specific information included in the court order?
3. Using the model forms included with this activity, complete the necessary forms to apply for IV-E Foster Care for Janice and Daniel and answer the following questions about the application.

   A. What type of deprivation did you circle in question #5 on Form 223? Which parent did you say the type of deprivation applied to? Explain your rationale.

   B. What date did you indicate for the Juvenile Court complaint/petition or VPA signature in question #7 on Form 223? Explain your rationale.

   C. Besides documenting the court orders on the form 223, what else needed to be done with the court orders?
4. After the MES provides you with the Form 225 and the Form 529, what do you need to do? Include any forms that need to be reviewed, completed or updated.

5. Review the 529s included in this activity. Are there any changes or corrections that need to be made to this 529?
### FORM 527 (Initial Authorization of Foster Care)

**Georgia Department of Human Resources**

**INITIAL AUTHORIZATION OF FOSTER CARE**

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**Social Security #:** 466-50-1926

**Medicaid #:**

**Case Worker Name:** Carol Jones

**Case Worker Phone Number:** 404-330-5252

**Date Placed by Court Order:** 12/21/01

**Child's County of Residence:** Fulton

**Child's Program:**
- [ ] Match Child (IV-E Eligible)
- [ ] Match Child (FOH IV-E Eligible)
- [ ] 19 - E FFC UAS Code 301
- [ ] 21 - E FFC UAS Code 300
- [ ] 22 - FFC (IV-E) UAS Code 302
- [ ] Initial FSC UAS Code 303
- [ ] FFC - State UAS Code 304
- [ ] 11 - E IFPC UAS Code 305
- [ ] CW - IFPC UAS Code 306
- [ ] CW - FFC UAS Code 322
- [ ] Other

**Name of Foster Home/Institution:** Jack and Susan Simmons

**Address of Foster Home/Institution:**

- 351 Hope Lane
- Atlanta, Fulton, 30313

**Authorized Foster Care Per Diem Rate $ 13.50**

**Authorization of Boarding Care**

- I hereby certify that the action indicated is in accordance with Departmental rules and regulations and that boarding care in behalf of a child is authorized (continuously until notified) at the daily rate specified above.

**Effective Date:**

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**Authorized By:**

- Mekesa Bridges

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**County Director or Designee:**

**Month | Day | Year**

- Required for MATCH Children Only (If child is Medicaid eligible)

- Complete for MATCH children
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Medicaid and IV-E Application for Foster Care and Adoption Assistance

This form is completed for each child entering foster care within five (5) working days of the child’s placement.

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Date 527 sent to Accounting: 10/24/01

Applicant Child’s Name: Moseley, Daniel
SSN: 466-39-5725
DOB: 7/1/89
Gender: M  Race: B  US Citizenship: X  Y II
Note: If not a U.S. Citizen, attach a copy of the INS documentation

Child’s Mother: Linda Moseley
SSN: 466-39-5725
DOB: 6/5/66

Address: 1021 Wendy Way
City, State, Zip: Atlanta, Ga, 30303

Child’s Father: Married
SSN: 
DOB: 

Address: 
City, State, Zip: 
Legal Father: Future Father

Parent info: X Married  Never Married  Separated  Divorced  Has paternity been established? X Yes  No

Has child support been ordered in the juvenile court? Yes  X  No


MEDICAID INFORMATION:
County: Fulton
Revision Date: 10/1/01
Prior Months MAO? Yes  X  No

1. Does this child receive any income diversity? Yes  X  No
   If yes, indicate type, amount and frequency: 

2. Does this child have any resources? Yes  X  No
   If yes, indicate type and amount: 

3. Is the child pregnant? Yes  X  No
   Estimated Delivery Date: 

4. Is the child covered by health insurance other than Medicaid? Yes  X  No
   If yes, name of insurance company: 
   Policy #: 

Name of insured: 
Relationship to child: 
Copy of card? Yes  X  No

JPPS/SSCM Signature: Charles Thomas
Date: 10/21/01

Printed name of JPPS/SSCM: Charles Thomas
Phone: (404) 651-6543 FAX: (404) 651-6543

IV-E INFORMATION:
INITIAL COURT ORDER(S) FAXED: X YES  NO

4a. List the name of the person with whom the child was living at removal: Linda Moseley
4b. Is this a X  parent, specified relative, other? If specified relative or other, list relationship:
4c. In the court order, from whom is custody removed? Linda Moseley
4d. Is the person named in 4c the same person as in 4a? X Yes  No
   If no, did the child live with the person in 4c within the 6 month prior to removal from the home? Yes  X  No
   If yes, list the month: 

*For question 4, specify relative is defined as a relative withing the degree of relationship by 1996 AFDC policy*

List standard filing unit members in the removal home:
Name: Linda Moseley
DOB: 6/5/66
Relationship to child: Mother
Gender: F  Race: B
SSN: 466-02-9345

Name: Janie Moseley
DOB: 8/7/87
Relationship to child: Sister
Gender: F  Race: B
SSN: 467-10-0154

5. Parental Deprivation (for AFDC Relatedness) Circle all that apply and parent(s) involved:
   Absent X  Death  Incarceration  Disability/Incapacity  Unemployed Parent
   Mother  Father  Mother X  Father  Mother  Father  Mother  Father  Mother  Father

6. Is the child placed in an approved foster care or child caring institution? X Yes  No
   Name and address of current placement: Jack and Susan Simons
   Relationship: 
   Address: 181 Hope Ln
   Atlanta, Ga, 30331

7. Legal Information: Date of Juvenile Court complaint/petition, VFA, or VS signature date: 10/21/01
   Physical/constructive removal date: 10/21/01
   Date of court hearing: 10/24/01
   a. Court order type: X court order VFA or VS
   b. If VFA or VS, date of VFA/VS
   c. Does initial court order contain “contrary to welfare best interest” language? X Yes  No
   d. Was a court order that addresses “reasonable efforts to prevent removal” obtained within 60 days of child’s removal? (n/a to Adoption Assistance): X YES  No
   Date of court order hearing: 10/21/01

JPPS/SSCM Signature: Charles Thomas
Date: 10/25/01

Printed name of JPPS/SSCM: Charles Thomas
Phone Number: (404) 651-1110

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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
REMOVAL HOME INCOME AND ASSET CHECKLIST

Child's Name: Mosley, Daniel
Mother's Name: Linda Mosley
Father's Name: Deceased

INSTRUCTIONS: List the amounts of income and resources of the removal family by family member. Include any details known, such as employer, in the space provided. If there is no income or resources of a particular type, write: No Income or Resource. Attach additional sheets if more space is needed. IF NO INCOME OR RESOURCES ARE REPORTED, HOUSEHOLD MANAGEMENT MUST BE ADDRESSED IN THE SECTION PROVIDED BELOW.

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<th>Gross Amount</th>
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<td>Employment</td>
<td>$200/wk.</td>
<td>Mosley, Daniel</td>
<td>Full-time or part-time work where a paycheck is received. Operation of a family day care is considered self-employment. Employee name, address, and phone number.</td>
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<td>Social Security</td>
<td>$200/mo.</td>
<td>Mosley, Daniel</td>
<td>Federal funds paid to persons aged 62 or over, disabled, and their dependents. Social Security may be paid on behalf of a deceased family member.</td>
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<td>Supplemental Security Income</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>111 is a monthly payment to persons who are aged, blind, or disabled. NOTE: INS is received by the child, adult when eligible at time of filing of adoption petition.</td>
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<td>Veteran's Benefits</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Monthly payments made to a person who served in the U.S. military. If veteran is disabled or deceased, a family member may receive the payment.</td>
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<td>TANF Benefits</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Monetary benefits paid out by State to needy families (welfare)</td>
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<td>Amounts held in checking and/or savings accounts. Include trust funds for children.</td>
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<td>Savings</td>
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<td>Money owed to the household member from others.</td>
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<td>List real estate holdings other than home residence. Address:</td>
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<td>List any motor vehicle (ex.: car, truck, motorcycle, boat or recreational vehicle)</td>
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HOW IS THE HOUSEHOLD MANAGING WITHOUT INCOME AND/OR RESOURCES?

Do you now the child or the child’s family is in poor health or a disabled adult living in the home? Yes X No

If yes, to whom is money paid? Amount paid per mo.: $ ____________

JFS/SSCM Signature: Charles Thomas
Date: 1/25/01

Printed name of SSCM/SSP: Charles Thomas
Phone number: (404) 651-6543

Form 224 (Rev. 12/04)  Original to SSCM/SSP  Fax copy to Rev Man MES

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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
Medicaid and IV-E Application for Foster Care and Adoption Assistance
This form is completed for each child entering foster care within five (5) working days of the child’s placement
Date 527 sent to Accounting: 10/24/01

Medicaid Information: County: Fulton  Removal Date: 10/21/01  Prior Months MAO? Yes X No Month:

1. Does this child receive any income directly? Yes X No Is income Supplemental Social Security Income (SSI)? Yes No
   If yes, indicate type, amount and frequency:
   $  
   
2. Does this child have any resources? Yes X No
   If yes, indicate type and amount:
   $  
   
3. Is the child pregnant? Yes X No Verified and documented? Yes No Estimated Delivery Date:

4. Is the child covered by health insurance other than Medicaid? Yes X No
   If yes, name of insurance company:  
   Policy #:  

Name of insmted:  
Relation to child:  
Copy of card? Yes X No

JPPS/SSCM Signature  
Date: 10/21/01

Printed name of JPPS/SSCM: Charles Thomas  
Phone: (404) 651-6543 FAX: (404) 651-6543

IV-E INFORMATION:

INITIAL COURT ORDER(S) TAXED: X YES NO

4a. List the name of the person with whom the child was living at removal: Linda Moody
4b. Is this a persons specified relative? Yes X No Other? If specified relative, title relationship:
4c. In the court order, from whom is custody removed? Linda Moody
4d. Is the person named in 4e the same person as in 4e? X Yes No 4e. If no, who did the child live with the person in 4e within the 6 months prior to removal from the home? Yes No 4f. If yes, list the months:

*(For question 4e, specified relative is defined as a relative within the degree of relationship by 1996 AFCP policy)

List standard filing unit members in the removal home:

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<td>M</td>
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5. Parental Deprivation (for AFC Plichecles) Circle all that apply and parent(s) involved:
   Absent  X Death  Incarceration  Disability/Incapacity  Unemployed Parent
Mother  Father  Mother  Father  Mother  Father  Mother  Father

6. Is the child placed in an approved foster care or child caring institution? X Yes No
   Name and address of current placement:
   Relationship:  
   
   Address: 181 Hope Ln.  
   Atlanta, Ga. 30313

7. Legal Information: Date of Juvenile Court complaint/petition, VPA, or VS signature date: 10/21/01
   Physical/Constructive removal date: 10/21/01 Date of court hearing: 10/24/01
   a. Circle order type: X court order or VPA or VS:  
   b. If VPA or VS, date of VPA/VS:  
   c. Does initial court order contain “contrary to welfare/best interest” language? X Yes No
   d. Was a court order that addresses “reasonable efforts to prevent removal” obtained within 60 days of child’s removal? (No to Adoption Assistance): X YES No Date of court order or hearing: 10/21/01

JPPS/SSCM Signature: Charles Thomas  
Date: 10/25/01

Printed name of JPPS/SSCM: Charles Thomas  
Phone Number (404) 651-1110

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Form 223 (Rev. 12/04)  
Original in SSCM JPPS

Fax copy to Rev Max MRS
# IV-E Eligibility Documentation Sheet

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

**Check one:**
- [x] Initial Decision
- [ ] Review
- [ ] Interim Change

**Child's Name:** Janice Streeter

**Court Order Language:** Court Order (CO) Date: 10/21/01
Expiration: 10/21/02

- Initial CO contains "contrary to the welfare"/"best interest" language.
- Removal date: 10/21/01
- Date of CO: 10/21/01
- "Reasonable efforts to prevent removal" language is in a CO within 60 days of removal.
- Date of CO: 10/31/01
- Initial VPA contains "best interest" language.
- Date of VPA:
- Expiration:
- "Reasonable efforts to finalize the permanency plan" language is not due and not in a CO within 12 months of removal and/or 12 months thereafter.
- Date of CO:

**Verified by:** SSCM (specify) C. THOMAS

**Foster Care Placement:**
- Child is placed in a fully IV-E approved foster home or licensed child caring institution.
- Name: SIMMONS
- Address: 181 HOPE LANE
- City: ATLANTA St: GA ZIP: 30031

**Verified by:** SSCM (specify) C. THOMAS

**Age:** Child is under 18.

**Verified by:** SSCM (specify) C. THOMAS

**Citizen/Alienage:**
- Child is a citizen.

**Verified by:** SSCM (specify) C. THOMAS

**Parental Deprivation:**
- Other (specify) JAIL FATHER

**Verified by:** SSCM (specify) C. THOMAS

**Living with a Specified Relative & Removal Hourshold:**
- Legal custody was removed from: MOTHER
- Relation: Parents (by birth, legal adoption, or step)
- Date child last stayed with this person: 10/21/01
- This date was within 6 months of removal.

**Verified by:** SSCM (specify) C. THOMAS

**Family Resources & Income:**
- AFDC form 239 is completed and attached.
- AU of 3 has resources of $0 and income of $600 which is below the income and/or resource limits.

**Verified by:** SUCCESS/Clearinghouse KDS

**AFDC Relatedness Criteria Met? Yes**

**Child's Resources & Income:**
- IV-B form 239 is completed and attached.
- AU of 1 has resources of $0 and income of $0.00 which is below the income and/or resource limits.

**Verified by:** SUCCESS/Clearinghouse KDS

**Comments:**

**Medicaid Determination:** IV-E (F11)

| Effective date: 10/01/01 |

**IV-E Eligibility Determination:** IV-E Eligible, Reimbursable

- If not eligible, check all reasons that apply:
  - [ ] IV-E language
  - [ ] Unapproved Placement
  - [ ] Income/Resources
  - [ ] Deprivation
  - [ ] Child's Income
  - [ ] SSI
  - [ ] Age
  - [ ] Custody

**Child's countable earned income: $0.00**

| Reimbursability start date: 10/01/01 |

**Effective Date of IV-E Eligibility:**

| MES Signature: |

**Note:** Court Order Language, Foster Care Placement, Parental Deprivation & Child’s Income/Resources ONLY must be completed at review.

**Form 225 (7-02)**

**Original—MES**

**Fax copy to SSCM or JPPS and Accounting**
A complaint has been made to the Court concerning the above-named children. The Court finds from information brought before it that continuation in the home at this time would be contrary to the welfare of said children. It is necessary for the protection of said children that they be placed in shelter care because firefighters responded to an apartment fire and found the children home alone in the apartment. The children reported that their Mother was at work, but could not provide the name, location or phone number of her place of work. No other adult was available to provide care for the children until their Mother could be located.

The Court also finds that pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Ann. Section 15-11-58(a):

( ) reasonable efforts have been made by the Department to preserve and reunify the family prior to the placement of the child in foster care, to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child from the child's home and to make it possible for said child to remain safely in the home, to wit:

Agency tried but was unsuccessful in contacting the children's mother. The Mother did not leave information about her whereabouts with the children and children were unable to communicate information to assist the agency in finding Mother.

( ) reasonable efforts by the Department to preserve and reunify the family prior to the placement of the child in foster care, to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child from the child's home and to make it possible for said child to remain safely in the home were not required pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-58 (a)(4) (A-C) because:

( ) the Department failed to make reasonable efforts to preserve and reunify the family prior to the placement of the child in foster care, to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child from the child's home and to make it possible for said child to remain safely in the home. The following efforts would have been reasonable to prevent or eliminate the need for removal:
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that said children be placed in the custody of Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services until further Order of the Court or until released by a person duly authorized by the Court. Said children are being placed pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Ann. Section 15-11-46 for the following reasons:

( ) to protect the person or property of others or of the child;
( ) the child may abscond or be removed from the jurisdiction of the court;
(X) because he/she has no parent, guardian, or custodian or other person able to provide supervision and care for him/her and return him/her to the Court when required;
( ) an Order for his/her detention or shelter care has been made by the Court pursuant to the Juvenile Proceedings Code.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-48(f), the Court approves the following physical placement of the children: foster home under the supervision of the County Department pending the 72 Hour Hearing on October 24, 2001 at 9 a.m.

It is further ordered that the custodian be and hereby is authorized to obtain a physical examination, ordinary medical care, and such additional medical treatment and care which, in the opinion of a licensed physician, requires prompt treatment for the care of said child while said child is in his/her/its custody.

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this 21st day of October, 2001.

Joe Brown
JUDGE/ASSOCIATE JUDGE
Fulton County Juvenile Court
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
Daniel Moxley SEX: M DOB: 7/1/89 CASE # 01-011-110
Janice Streeter SEX: F DOB: 8/7/97 CASE # 01-011-111
A Child Under 18 Years of Age

72 HOUR HEARING ORDER

The above and foregoing matter is before the Court for a Detention Hearing based upon a
(Complaint)(Petition) filed by Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services alleging the above
named children to be deprived. Present in Court were:

( X ) Mother Linda Moxley ( ) Attorney
( ) Father
(Legal) ____________________________ ( ) Attorney
(Putative) ____________________________ ( ) Attorney

( X ) DFACS Cynthia Jones ( X ) SAAG Peter Piper
( ) Other Petitioner ( ) Attorney
( ) Guardian ad Litem
( ) Other

( X ) The following parties were not present: Bob Moxley, Legal Father of Daniel is deceased.
Tyrone Streeter, Putative Father to Janice, He was notified of the proceedings as follows: Certified Mail
to Reid State Detention Center.

Based upon the evidence presented, the Court finds that there is probable cause to believe the above named
children are deprived pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-2(8)(A). The precipitating cause of removal of the
children from the home was:

firefighters responded to an apartment fire and found the children home alone in the apartment. The
children reported that their Mother was at work, but could not provide the name, location or phone number
of her place of work. No other adult was available to provide care for the children until their Mother could
be located.
(X) The Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services made reasonable efforts to preserve and reunify the family prior to the placement of the child in foster care, to prevent or eliminate the need for the removal of the child from his/her home, and to make it possible for the child to return safely home, to wit:

Agency tried but was unsuccessful in contacting the children’s mother. The Mother did not leave information about her whereabouts with the children and children were unable to communicate information to assist the agency in finding Mother.

Since initial removal of children from the home, the Agency has worked to assist Ms. Moxley in obtaining adequate housing and a childcare resource. However, Ms. Moxley has been unable to do so and is living in a homeless shelter.

( ) Reasonable efforts by the _________ County Department of Family and Children Services to preserve and reunify the family prior to the placement of the child in foster care, to prevent or eliminate the need for the removal of the child from his/her home, and to make it possible for the child to return safely home were not required under O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-58(a)(4)(A-C) because: __________________________

( ) The _________ County Department of Family and Children Services failed to make reasonable efforts to preserve and reunify the family prior to the placement of the child in foster care, to prevent or eliminate the need for the removal of the child from his/her home, and to make it possible for the child to return safely home. The following efforts would have been reasonable to prevent or eliminate the need for removal: __________________________

( ) This is a private deprivation matter in which DFACS is not involved. The child is not placed in foster care. Reasonable efforts are not an issue.

Continuation in the home would be contrary to the welfare of the children and removal of the children from the home is in their best interest because The parent does not have a safe and stable living environment for the children at this time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that temporary custody of the above named child should be and is HEREBY AWARDED to _________ County Department of Family and Children Services pending (the filing of a Petition and) an Adjudicatory Hearing to be scheduled in this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following home evaluation(s) be performed: __________________________
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the named custodian is hereby authorized to obtain for this child physical examinations, ordinary medical care, and such additional medical treatment and care which, in the opinion of a licensed physician, is necessary for the care and well being of the child.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 24th day of October 2001.

Joe Brown

JUDGE/ASSOCIATE JUDGE
Fulton County Juvenile Court
FORM 529 (Authorization of Foster Care Status Change/Termination)

**Georgia Department of Human Resources**

**AUTHORIZATION OF FOSTER CARE STATUS CHANGE/TERMINATION**

1) Name of Child: [Name]

2) Date of Birth: [Date]

3) Sex, Race: [Sex] - [Race]

4) Social Security #: [Number]

5) Case #: [Number]

6) Name of Foster Home or Institution: [Name]

7) Child's County of Residence: [County]

8) Caseworker Name: [Name]

9) Caseworker Phone: [Number]

10) Change from Program: [Program]

   To Program: [Program]

   (see listing on reverse)

   (see listing on reverse)

   Effective Date: [Date]

   If changed to IV-E PC Date Placed by Court Order: [Date]

11) MATCH child becomes Medicaid eligible effective: [Date]

    Enter Medicaid Number: [Number]

12) MATCH child Medicaid# changed effective: [Date]

    Enter New Medicaid Number: [Number]

13) MATCH child loses Medicaid eligibility effective: [Date]

    Month: [Month]

    Day: [Day]

    Year: [Year]

14) Change Authorized Foster Care Per Diem Rate to: [Rate]

15) Boarding Care is Terminated effective: [Date]

    Reason: [Reason]

16) If child is transferred to another home, give name: [Name]

    Effective Date: [Date]

    Month: [Month]

    Day: [Day]

    Year: [Year]

Address: [Address]

Street or RFD: [Street]

City: [City]

County: [County]

State: [State]

Zip Code: [Zip Code]

17) Authorized By: [Name]

    Date: [Date]

    Month: [Month]

    Day: [Day]

    Year: [Year]

- Do not complete for MATCH children

Form 529 (Authorization of Foster Care Status Change/Termination) (Rev. 11-03)
# FORM 529 (Authorization of Foster Care Status Change/Termination)

**Georgia Department of Human Resources**  
**AUTHORIZATION OF FOSTER CARE STATUS CHANGE/TERMINATION**

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
Janice Streeter SEX: F DOB: 8/7/97
File # Case # 01-01J-111
A Child Under 18 Years of Age

ORDER OF ADJUDICATION and DISPOSITION

The above and foregoing matter came before the Court on October 31, 2001, for an
Adjudicatory Hearing based upon a Petition filed by the Fulton County Department of Family and
Children Services alleging the above named child to be deprived.

Based upon the evidence presented, the Court makes the following Findings of Fact and
Conclusions of Law by clear and convincing evidence.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Present in Court were:

(X) Mother Linda Moxley

(X) Attorney C.T. Everette

( ) Father

(Legal) ________________________________

(Putative) ________________________________

(X) DFACS Cynthia Jones and Charles Thomas

(X) SAAG Peter Piper

( ) Other Petitioner __________________

( ) Attorney __________________

( ) Guardian ad Litem __________________

( ) Other __________________

The following interested part(y)(ies) was/were NOT present: Tyrone Street, putative father.
2. The child is of the age and sex and has the name set forth above. (The child is a resident of Fulton County, Georgia.) (The child was physically present in Fulton County, Georgia, at the time of the filing of the Petition.)

3. The mother of the child, Linda Moxley, was present in Court for the hearing. She was notified of the proceedings by personal service.

The (putative) (legal) father of the child, Tyrone Streeter, was not present in Court for the hearing. He was notified of the proceedings by certified mail. The putative father is currently incarcerated at Reid State Detention Center.

4. The child was found at home with a 12 year old sibling without parental supervision when a major fire occurred in their apartment. Firefighters who responded to the call found the children at home alone huddled together in the living room while a fire was burning in their kitchen.

5. The children reported that their mother was at work, but were unable to provide the name, location, or phone number of her place of work. No other adult was available to provide care for the children.

6. The parent is currently without adequate housing due to the fire. The parent does not have adequate child care arrangements for the children.

7. The parent has a history of emotional problems. The parent has stated that she is afraid for her children’s safety because of all the pressure she is under.
8. DFCS has worked to assist the parent in obtaining adequate housing and child care. However, the parent has been unable to follow up on these resources and is currently living in a homeless shelter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the above findings of fact, the Court concludes as follows:

The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action and personal jurisdiction over the child and the mother. Venue is proper in this Court.

This child is a deprived child as defined in O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-2(8)(A) in that she is without proper parental care or control, subsistence, education as required by law, or other care or control necessary for his/her physical, mental or emotional health or morals. The causes of the deprivation are:

(  ) Physical abuse  (  ) Sexual abuse
(  ) Emotional abuse  (  ) Neglect/Lack of Supervision
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The Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services made reasonable efforts to preserve and reunify the family prior to the placement of the child in foster care, to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child from the home and to make it possible for the child to return home. The reason(s) the child cannot be adequately and safely protected at home is/are: The parent cannot provide a safe and stable living environment for the children at this time. The parent is in need of a mental health evaluation to help determine her ability to properly care for the children.
DISPOSITION

Temporary custody and control of this child is HEREBY AWARDED to the Georgia Department of Human Resources through its agent the Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services.

The Permanency Plan is to reunite this child with the parent(s). ACCORDINGLY, the Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services is HEREBY DIRECTED to prepare a Case Plan for reunification pursuant to Section 15-11-58 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated which shall become the Court Ordered plan of care unless a party appeals the plan as provided by law. At a minimum, said plan shall include the following goals which must be accomplished before the child may return home: The parent must obtain a psychiatric and/or psychological evaluation and follow through on any recommended treatment; The parent must obtain adequate housing for herself and the children; The parent must secure adequate child care arrangements for the children during the hours she is working.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that while said child is in the custody of the Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services the parents of said child shall participate in the Judicial Citizen Panel Review program or Judicial Review as directed and the Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services is HEREBY directed to furnish the Court or the Judicial Citizen Review Panels all information in its possession concerning the family, including but not limited to psychological evaluations performed on the child, the parents or any other extended family member if available.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the mother shall notify the Clerk of this Court of any change in address within 72 hours of the change.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services is authorized to obtain for said child physical examinations, ordinary medical care, and such additional medical treatment and care which, in the opinion of a licensed physician, is necessary for the care and well being of the child.

This Order shall expire on 10/20/02, unless sooner terminated by Order of this Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 31st day of October, 2001.

Joe Brown

JUDGE/ASSOCIATE JUDGE

Fulton County Juvenile Court
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
Daniel Moxley   SEX:  M   DOB:  7/1/89

File #   Case # 01-01J-110

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The following interested party(ies) was/were NOT present: ____________________________
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4.

The child was found at home with a younger sibling without parental supervision when a major fire occurred in their apartment. Firefighters who responded to the call found the children at home alone huddled together in the living room while a fire was burning in their kitchen.

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(ACTIVITY 2)  
MOXLEY FAMILY UPDATE

**Directions:** Read the Case History/Summary below and review all of the case material in the handout, **Activity 2**. Then, complete the assessment. You will have approximately 20 minutes to complete this activity.

**CASE HISTORY/SUMMARY:**

Daniel and Janice Moxley have now been in foster care 5 months. Both children were determined to be IV-E eligible when they first entered care. Both children remained in the Simmons foster home until Daniel’s placement disrupted due to his severe acting out behaviors. According to the information in the Family and Child Assessment, Daniel often witnessed Tyrone beating his mother. Daniel has been in therapy and the therapist believes this is one reason that Daniel exhibits violent behavior. It has been decided that because of Daniel’s acting out, the two siblings will need to be separated.

3/10/02 The agency receives notification from the Social Security Administration that DFCS will become the payee for Daniel’s social security check effective 4/1/02.

3/20/02 Daniel is placed in an outdoor therapeutic program (OTP) in north Georgia. CM is unsure how long Daniel will be there, but anticipates it will be at least 9 months.

4/1/02 CM provided transportation for Ms. Moxley to visit Daniel in his new placement. During the drive to the program, CM learned that Mr. Streeter has been released from jail and has moved in with Ms. Moxley. CM asked Ms. Moxley how long Mr. Streeter had been living with her and Ms. Moxley stated that “she believed” he moved in around the middle of February.
ACTIVITY 2 ASSESSMENT  
MOXLEY FAMILY UPDATE

Assignment:
You are the current Case Manager for this family. Respond to the questions below.

1. What income information needs to be reported? Why?

2. What info regarding placement needs to be reported? Why?

3. What changes in the removal home need to be reported? Why?
4. After you have submitted forms to the MES, what should you expect to receive back and what should you do with it?

5. What date was the first redetermination due?
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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

IV-E Eligibility Documentation Sheet

Check one:

- Initial Decision
- Review
- Interim Change

Child's Name: Daniel Mosley

AUP: 0
Medicaid #: 777777777

Court Order Language: Court Order (CO) Date: 10/21/01 Expiration: 10/21/02
Initial CO contains “contrary to the welfare”/“best interest” language.
Removal date: 10/21/01 Date of CO: 10/21/01
“Reasonable efforts to prevent removal” language is in a CO within 60 days of removal.
Date of CO: 10/31/01
Initial VPA contains “best interest” language.
Date of VPA: Expiration:
“Reasonable efforts to finalize the permanency plan” language is not due and not in a CO within 12 months of removal and/or 12 months thereafter.
Date of CO:

Verified by: SSCM (specify) C. THOMAS

Foster Care Placement:
Child is placed in a fully IV-E approved foster home or licensed child caring institution.
Name: SIMMONS
Address: 181 HOPE LANE
City: ATLANTA St: GA ZIP: 30031
Verified by: SSCM (specify) C. THOMAS

Age: Child is under 18.
Verified by: SSCM (specify) C. THOMAS

Citizen/Alienage:
Child is a citizen.
Verified by: SSCM (specify) C. THOMAS

Parental Deprivation:
Absence of parent(s) FATHER
Verified by: SSCM (specify) C. THOMAS

Living with a Specified Relative & Removal Household:
Legal custody was removed from: MOTHER
Relation: Parents (by birth, legal adoption, or step)
Date child last stayed with this person: 10/21/01
This date was within 6 months of removal.
Verified by: SSCM (specify) C. THOMAS

Family Resources & Income:
AFDC form 239 is completed and attached.
AU of 3 has resources of $0 and income of $ 600 which is below the income and/or resource limits.
Verified by: SUCCESS/Clearinghouse KDS

AFDC Relatedness Criteria Met? Yes

Child's Resources & Income:
IV-E form 239 is completed and attached.
AU of 1 has resources of $ 0 and income of $ 0.00 which is below the income and/or resource limits.
Verified by: SUCCESS/Clearinghouse KDS

Comments:
RECEIVED CHANGE FORM STATEING THAT CHILD WAS PLACED IN AN NON-APPROVED PLACEMENT SOURCE.

Medicaid Determination: RSM (F22) Effective date: 03/23/02
IV-E Eligibility Determination: IV-E Eligible, Not reimbursable
If not eligible, check all reasons that apply:
- IV-E language
- Unapproved Placement
- Income/Resources
- Deprivation
- Child's Income
- SSI
- Age
- Custody

Child's countable earned income: $ 0.00 Reimbursability start date: 10/01/01
Effective Date of IV-E Eligibility: MES Signature: Date:

Note: Court Order Language, Foster Care Placement, Parental Deprivation & Child's Income/Resources ONLY must be completed at review.

Form 225 (7-02) Original—MES Fax copy to SSCM or JPPS and Accounting
**Georgia Department of Human Resources**

**AUTHORIZATION OF FOSTER CARE STATUS CHANGE/TERMINATION**

1) **Name of Child**: Morley, Daniel

2) **Date of Birth**: 07/11/1982

3) **Sex-Race**: 1 - WM □ 2 - WF □ 3 - EM □ 4 - BF □ 5 - Other □

4) **Social Security #:** 866-59-1234

5) **Case #:** 423301-01

6) **Name of Foster Home or Institution**: Appalachian Wilderness Camp

7) **Child's County of Residence**: Fulton

8) **Case Worker Name**: Thomas

9) **Case Worker Phone**: 404/554-1230

10) **Change from Program**: UAS 303

    **To Program**: UAS 300

(see listing on reverse)

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11) **Match child becomes Medicaid eligible effective**: Month Day Year

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    **Effective Date**: Month Day Year

17) **Authorized By**: Melissa Bridge

    **Date**: 04/01/03

    **County Director or Designee**: __________

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**Foster Care Placement:**

- Child is placed in a fully IV-E approved foster home or licensed child caring institution.
  - Name: SIMMONS
  - Address: 181 HOPE LANE
  - City: ATLANTA St GA ZIP: 30031
  - Verified by: SSCM (specify) C. THOMAS

- Age: Child is under 18
  - Verified by: SSCM (specify) C. THOMAS

- Citizen/Alliance:
  - Child is a citizen.
  - Verified by: SSCM (specify) C. THOMAS

**Parental Deprivation:**

- Unemployment of principal earner: FATHER
  - Verified by: SSCM (specify) C. THOMAS

**Living with a Specified Relative & Removal Hourglass:**

- Legal custody was removed from: MOTHER
- Relation: Parents (by birth, legal adoption, or step)
- Date child last stayed with this person: 10/21/01
- This date was within 6 months of removal.
  - Verified by: SSCM (specify) C. THOMAS

**Family Resources & Income:**

- AFDC form 239 is completed and attached.
- AU of 3 has resources of $0 and income of $600 which is below the income and/or resource limits.
  - Verified by: SUCCESS/Clearinghouse KDS

**AFDC Relatedness Criteria Met? Yes**

**Child's Resources & Income:**

- IV-E form 239 is completed and attached.
- AU of 1 has resources of $0 and income of $0.00 which is below the income and/or resource limits.
  - Verified by: SUCCESS/Clearinghouse KDS

**Comments:**

- RECEIVED CHANGE FORM STATING THAT CHILD DEPRIVATION SOURCE HAS CHANGED TO UNEMPLOYED PARENT.

**Medicaid Determination:** IV-E (F11)

- Effective date: 10/01/01

- IV-E Eligibility Determination: IV-E Eligible, Reimbursable
  - If not eligible, check all reasons that apply:
    - IV-E language
    - Unapproved Placement
    - Income/Resources
    - Deprivation
    - Child's Income
    - SSI
    - Age
    - Custody

- Child's countable earned income: $0.00
  - Reimbursability start date: 10/01/01

- Effective Date of IV-E Eligibility: MES Signature: Date:

*Note: Court Order Language, Foster Care Placement, Parental Deprivation & Child's Income/Resources ONLY must be completed at review.*

Form 225 (7-02) Original—MES Fax copy to SSCM or JPPS and Accounting
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<td>Reported Daniel's change in placement to OTP and that DFCS becomes payee for Daniel's social security check. Eff 4/1/02.</td>
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<td>Reported that Janice's father has been released from jail and has moved back into the home with Ms. Mixley.</td>
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| 4/4/02 | TC         | TC from MES, Susan Jack, requesting additional information about Mr. Streeter's employment status.  

She needs:  
1. If he was working before he went to jail, if so how much was he earning.  
2. How long he was incarcerated.  
3. Is he currently employed.  
4. Also need to verify Mrs. Maxley's current income. |
| 4/8/02 | TC         | Made to Maxley home.  

Spoke with Mr. Streeter. He stated that he is not working or receiving UI. He has been unable to find work. Since being released from jail, he states he was working before going to jail and he made a "good salary." CM asked him about how much he was making, and he said "about $1,200 a month." |
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<td>4/18/02</td>
<td>Mr. Streeter states he was in jail 4 months on a &quot;rum rape&quot; and that it was Ms. Moxley's fault anyway so that's why she had to get a job. Ms. Moxley also confirmed that she is still working at the Hot Skillet Cafe PT and makes about $600.00 per month.</td>
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<td>TC made to MES, Susie Jack to report the information about Mr. Streeter and Ms. Moxley's employment status as recorded above.</td>
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**MOXLEY FAMILY UPDATE (ACTIVITY 3)**

**Directions:** Read the Case History/Summary below and review all of the case material in your Participant Guide for this activity. Then, complete the assessment and complete any forms that are necessary for the activity. You will have approximately 10 minutes to complete this activity.

**Case History/Summary:**

Daniel and Janice have been in foster care for a year now (children entered care 10/21/01). Daniel is now 13 years old and Janice is 5 years old. Ms. Moxley and Mr. Streeter have failed to complete their case plan goals.

Ms. Moxley takes her medications sporadically and has missed several counseling sessions. Mr. Streeter continues to reside with Ms. Moxley and there is evidence to suggest that Mr. Streeter continues to batter Ms. Moxley. According to her therapist, Ms. Moxley refuses to admit that she is being abused despite the fact that she has had several visits to the hospital emergency room for unexplained “accidents.”

Ms. Moxley and Mr. Streeter have not maintained regular contact with either of the children despite the efforts of the agency to maintain the visitation plan.

10/18/02. The extension/permanency hearing was held for Daniel and Janice. Custody was extended for 1 year for both children. The permanency plan for Janice was changed to adoption and the agency indicated its intention to file for termination of parental rights on Janice’s behalf. Janice remains in the same foster home where she was placed when she first entered care and the foster parents wish to adopt Janice. The permanency plan for Daniel is placement with a fit and willing relative. A paternal aunt has come forward as a placement resource for Daniel. The agency plans to place Daniel with the Aunt upon his completion of treatment at OTP.
Assignment:
You are the current Case Manager for this family. The MES has sent you a notice to say that it is time to do the six-month IV-E re-determination on Daniel and Janice. Since they have now been in care for a year, this is the second case re-determination. This review covers May 2002 – October 2002.

1. What court actions are required by the time of the 2\textsuperscript{nd} IV-E re-determination (i.e. at the time child has been in care for one year)

2. Review question #6 from the Form 226 below. Based on the case history/summary and documents included in his activity, decide if you have all the information you need to answer this question for Janice.

   A. Do you have all the information you need to answer this question? Yes or No.

   B. If you answered yes, fill in the information for question 6 on the form below
C. If you answered no, describe what is missing, how you plan to get it, and what you will do with the information once it is received.
IN THE INTEREST OF:

Janice Streeter   SEX: F   DOB: 8/7/97
File #   Case # 01-01J-110

A Child Under 18 Years of Age

ORDER ON MOTION FOR EXTENSION/PERMANENCY ORDER

The above and foregoing matter came before the Court on 10/18/02, based upon a Motion for Extension filed by the Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services alleging that said child continues to be a deprived child and requesting that said child be continued in the temporary custody and control of the Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services.

Based upon the evidence presented, the Court makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law by clear and convincing evidence.

FINDINGS OF FACT
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1.

Present in Court were:

( X ) Mother Linda Moxley         ( X ) Attorney C.T. Everett
( ) Father
   (Legal)____________________   ( ) Attorney _____________________
   (Putative)__________________   ( ) Attorney _____________________
( X ) DFACS Charles Thomas        ( X ) SAAG Peter Piper
( ) Other Petitioner             ( ) Attorney _____________________
( ) Guardian ad Litem
( ) Other _______________________

The following interested party was NOT present: Tyrone Streeter, Putative Father
2.

The child is of the age and sex and has the name set forth above. The child is a resident of Fulton County, Georgia.

3.

The mother of the child, Linda Moxley, was present in Court for the hearing. She was notified of the proceedings by personal service.

The putative father of the child, Tyrone Streeter, was not present in Court for the hearing. He was notified of the proceedings by personal service.

4.

The child was removed from her home on October 21, 2001, and entered foster care on October 21, 2001. The Order granting custody to the Georgia Department of Human Resources through its agent the Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services will expire on October 20, 2002. Since the child was placed in custody, the Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services has provided the following services to assist in the reunification of this family: Housing referrals, referrals to subsidized child care program, referral to mental health for psychological evaluation, referrals to domestic violence intervention programs, including shelters, transportation for visits with child in child’s current placement.

5.

The parents have not availed themselves of these services and have failed to comply with their case plan for reunification as follows: Mother has failed to follow the recommendations of her therapist for ongoing therapy sessions and medications; Father has failed to comply with court ordered batterer intervention program. Parents have failed to maintain meaningful visitation with child despite the agency’s efforts to maintain the visitation plan; Parents have failed to follow up
on arrangements for subsidized child care, but continue to state that they cannot afford to pay for child care.

6.

An extension of the Court's Order entered on October 31, 2001 is necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Order.

7.

The Department stated that it intends to file a Petition to terminate the parents' parental rights within 60 days and thereafter place the child for adoption.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the above findings of fact, the Court concludes as follows:

The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action and personal jurisdiction over the child and the child's parents. Venue is proper in this Court.

This child is a deprived child as defined in O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-2(8)(A) in that he is without proper parental care or control, subsistence, education as required by law, or other care or control necessary for his/her physical, mental or emotional health or morals.

The Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services made reasonable efforts to make it possible for the child to return home. Return to the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child and continued removal of the child from the home is in the child's best interest.

Reasonable efforts have been made to finalize the permanency plan that was in effect. Those efforts were: holding family conference to review the recommendation for a non-reunification case plan; obtained from service providers the parents progress or lack of progress in treatment programs; obtained background information from parents and explained to parents the alternatives the have in planning for a permanent home for their child. Developed a plan for approving an adoptive placement for child.
DISPOSITION

The Court HEREBY ORDERS that temporary custody and control of said child be and hereby is continued with the Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services.

Permanency Plan: Adoption following Termination of Parental Rights. Prompt filing of a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights is part of making reasonable efforts to find permanency for this child. Failure of the Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services to file its Petition for Termination of Parental Rights in a timely manner could result in a finding by the Court that reasonable efforts to achieve the permanency plan in place have not been made. Reunification services shall continue until a termination of parental rights is granted. The Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services shall actively pursue obtaining an appropriate adoptive placement of the child.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services is authorized to obtain for said child physical examinations, ordinary medical care, and such additional medical treatment and care which, in the opinion of a licensed physician, is necessary for the care and well being of the child.

This Order shall expire on October 20, 2003, unless sooner terminated by Order of this Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 18th day of October, 2002.

Joe Brown
JUDGE, ASSOCIATE JUDGE
Fulton County Juvenile Court
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:

Daniel Moxley
SEX: M
DOB: 7/1/89

File #
Case # 01-01J-110

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( ) Father

(Legal) ____________________________

(Putative) _________________________

(X) DFACS Charles Thomas

( ) Other Petitioner

( ) Guardian ad Litem

( ) Other __________________________

The following interested part(y)(ies) was/were NOT present: ________________________
2.

The child is of the age and sex and has the name set forth above. The child is a resident of Fulton County, Georgia.

3.

The mother of the child, Linda Moxley, was present in Court for the hearing. She was notified of the proceedings by personal service.

The legal father of the child, Bob Moxley is deceased.

4.

The child was removed from his home on October 21, 2001, and entered foster care on October 21, 2001. The Order granting custody to the Georgia Department of Human Resources through its agent the Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services will expire on October 20, 2002. Since the child was placed in custody, the Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services has provided the following services to assist in the reunification of this family: Housing referrals, referrals to subsidized child care program, referral to mental health for psychological evaluation, referrals to domestic violence intervention programs, including shelters, transportation for visits with child in child’s current placement.

5.

The parents have not availed themselves of these services and have failed to comply with their case plan for reunification as follows: Mother has failed to follow the recommendations of her therapist for ongoing therapy sessions and medications; Mother has failed to maintain meaningful visitation with child despite the agency’s efforts to maintain the visitation plan; Mother has failed to follow up on arrangements for subsidized child care, but continues to state that she cannot afford to pay for child care for the children.
6. An extension of the Court's Order entered on October 31, 2001 is necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Order.

7. The Department stated that it does not intend to file a Petition to terminate the parents' parental rights but to continue to pursue placement with the child's paternal aunt who is considered to be a fit and willing relative.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the above findings of fact, the Court concludes as follows:

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The Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services made reasonable efforts to make it possible for the child to return home. Return to the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child and continued removal of the child from the home is in the child's best interest.

Reasonable efforts have been made to finalize the permanency plan that was in effect. Those efforts were: identifying and locating a paternal aunt, assessing the aunt's ability to care for child, completing an evaluation of the aunt's home, developing a visitation plan for the aunt and child in conjunction with treatment provider.
DISPOSITION

The Court HEREBY ORDERS that temporary custody and control of said child be and hereby is continued with the Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services.

Permanency Plan: Placement with a fit and willing relative. The Department has identified and assessed a paternal aunt, who is willing and able to provide care for the child once he has completed his residential treatment program. The plan to achieve this placement within 6 months includes: visitation between the child and relative resource at the child’s current institutional placement, weekend visits and holiday visits between child and relative resource, agency support for relative resource in transitioning child into the home following release from treatment, training for relative resource provided through treatment program.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services is authorized to obtain for said child physical examinations, ordinary medical care, and such additional medical treatment and care which, in the opinion of a licensed physician, is necessary for the care and well being of the child.

This Order shall expire on October 20, 2003, unless sooner terminated by Order of this Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 8th day of October, 2002.

Joe Brown

JUDGE, ASSOCIATE JUDGE
Fulton County Juvenile Court
Section IX
Glossary

IV-E for Social Services
Case Managers
# Glossary of Acronyms & Abbreviations

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<td>Americans With Disabilities Act</td>
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<td>AFCARS</td>
<td>Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System</td>
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<td>Aid to Families with Dependent Children (the AFDC program no longer exists, but the policy provides the basis for AFDC relatedness in IV-E)</td>
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<td>EAF</td>
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<td>Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children – defines the conditions under which children from one state may be placed out of state and vice versa.</td>
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<td>The Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance</td>
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<td>IV-E</td>
<td>The Federal funding source for foster care and adoption subsidies</td>
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<td>Federal child welfare block grant that provides funds to states for foster care expenses. A child must have a determination that he/she is ineligible for IV-E funding to be eligible for IV-B funding.</td>
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<td>SUCCESS</td>
<td>System for the Uniform Calculation and Consolidation of Economic Support Services</td>
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IV-E Puzzle Answers

**Initial Authorization**

**Form 527:** The form used to report a child as being in the “Initial” program when a child first enters care

**Child can remain in this funding category for up to 6 months:** Policy statement that explains how long a child can remain in “Initial”

**If child is determined to be IV-B, leave in this funding source for full 6 months:** Policy related to Initial. Federal funds support initial but IV-B is primarily state funds. Leaving in initial as long as possible helps us to maximize federal revenue (i.e. reserve state funds)

**If child is determined to be IV-E, change from this funding source to IV-E immediately.** Policy related to Initial. IV-E is primarily federal funds. Changing a child to IV-E as soon as possible helps us to maximize federal revenue (i.e. reserve state funds)

**IV-E Eligibility**

**Contrary to the welfare/best interest.** The language required at the first hearing in order for a child to potentially be IV-E eligible

**AFDC relatedness:** One of the eligibility factors for IV-E. A child must meet the AFDC relatedness test in order to be IV-E eligible. This is determined by MES based on information that SSCM provides.

**Reasonable efforts:** The language required in a court order issued within 60 days of a child entering care in order for a child to be potentially IV-E eligible

**Judicial determination with “reasonable efforts” language within 60 days of child entering care:** One of the requirements for children entering care by court order in order for the child to be potentially IV-E eligible
Judicial determination with “best interest” language by the 180th day of Voluntary Placement Agreement: The requirement for a child entering care by VPA in order for the child to be potentially IV-E eligible.

**Age of the child:** One of the eligibility factors for IV-E. Children must be under the age of 18 to be IV-E eligible

**One time determination:** IV-E eligibility is determined once, when the child enters care

**Removal home’s income and resources:** One of the factors considered in determining AFDC relatedness.

**Federal funding source:** IV-E is a federal funding source.

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**IV-E Reimbursability**

**Fully approved placement:** One of the reimbursability factors. Children must be in “fully approved” placements in order for IV-E payments to be made

**Lose and re-gain based on circumstances:** Children can lose and re-gain reimbursability based on circumstances

**IV-E re-determination:** This is done by MES every 6 months to establish reimbursability for IV-E children

**Reasonable efforts to finalize permanency plan:** A judicial determination must be obtained that contains this language 12 months after a child has been in care and every 12 months thereafter in order for a child to be IV-E reimbursable.

**Child’s income and resources:** A child’s income and resources is considered in determining Financial Need, which is one of the reimbursability factors for IV-E

**Judicial determination with “reasonable efforts to finalize permanency plan” language within 12 months of removal and every 12 months thereafter:** The requirement for every IV-E child in foster
care. A court order with the language “reasonable efforts to finalize permanency plan” must be obtained in order for a child to remain in IV-E reimbursable status. If not, a child loses reimbursability until the judicial determination is made.

**IV-B**

**Voluntary consent to remain in care at age 18:** IV-E children who sign a voluntary consent to remain in care once they turn 18 must be changed to IV-B. IV-E can only be paid for children under the age of 18.

**IV-E eligible, but not reimbursable:** Anytime a IV-E eligible child loses reimbursability status for some reason, he or she is changed to IV-B until reimbursability is re-gained.

**Not IV-E eligible:** A child determined to not be IV-E eligible is automatically IV-B.

**Primarily state funds:** IV-B is primarily a state funded source.
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