

## PERIODIC, PERMANENCY PLANNING REVIEW AND STATUS REVIEW REPORTS

- AUTHORITY:** Civil Code Sections 224n, 226, 232, and 233  
Section 10430 Health and Safety Code  
Welfare and Institutions Code Sections Relating to Adoption Assistance  
California Rules of Court 5.810  
AB 12/212 California Fostering Connections to Success Act  
All County Letters 11-69, 11-77 and 11-85 (Probation) – Extension of Foster
- RESCINDS:** Procedure Manual Item 2-6-207, dated 08/11/2016
- FORMS:**
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| Case Plan  | Electronic    |
| Modification Petition-Nonappearance  | (F057-5120AF) |
| Multiple Report Templates  |               |
| Notice of Hearing Juvenile Delinquency Proceeding  | (625)         |
| Termination of Juvenile Court Jurisdiction – Non-Minor Dependent   | (JV 365)      |
| Findings and Orders for Child Approaching Majority – Delinquency   | (JV 680)      |
| Findings and Orders after Hearing to Modify Delinquency<br>Jurisdiction to Transitional Jurisdiction for Child<br>Younger than 18 years of age | (JV 682)      |
- PURPOSE:** To explain the purpose of and provide guidelines for the preparation of periodic, permanency planning review and status review reports.

### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Periodic and Permanency Planning Review Reports serve the purpose of providing a comprehensive written report to the Juvenile Court to (1) determine whether a continuing need for placement in foster care exists, (2) evaluate the goals for placement and the process toward meeting these goals and (3) develop a target date for the child's return home or establishment of alternative permanent placement.
- B. An updated case plan is always attached to the report. The case plan is signed by:
1. DPO
  2. Parents/Guardians – if not available, document efforts made to obtain signatures
  3. **Youth**
  4. SPO
- C. The initial Placement Review is normally set by the Court at the time of the suitable placement order.

If the Court does not set a 6-Month Placement Review Hearing date, a Modification Petition is completed by the Placement DPO assigned to the case, setting a date six months from the date the placement order was issued.

- D. If the **youth** has returned home for much of the review period, previously set reviews will be addressed. A brief narrative must be included to inform the Court of events of the last six months and the placement goal for the future.
- E. The format for these reports is structured to address those issues as required by law and should be written so as to reflect the unique circumstances of each individual case.
- F. These reports, along with case plans, must be submitted to the Court no later than 10 days (366.21(c) WIC) prior to the hearing.
- G. The assigned DPO is responsible for sending Form 625 – Notice of Hearing Juvenile Delinquency Proceeding to the **youth**, the parents and caregivers no less than 14 days and no more than 30 days from the hearing date.

## II. PROCEDURE

- A. The assigned DPO prepares the case plan in collaboration with the **youth** and parent/caregiver and obtains the necessary signatures within 30 days of placement being made. Prior to each Six-Month Placement Review Hearing, the DPO will prepare a new case plan in collaboration with the **youth** and parent/caregiver, which will be attached to the report. Case plans are maintained in the **youth's** placement file.
- B. The DPO prepares the report according to the following format:
  - 1. Title
    - a. Placement review hearings are usually nonappearance matters; however, the Juvenile Court does not want the mention of nonappearance in the title of the report.
    - b. The report title should indicate the type of placement review:
      - (1) Six-Month Placement Review – The first review after placement is ordered.
      - (2) Permanency Placement Review – The second review after placement is ordered, which has also been referred to as the 12-Month Review.
      - (3) Periodic Placement Review – The third and all subsequent placement reviews after placement is ordered.
      - (4) Status Review – Once the youth has transitioned to a Non-Minor Dependent
    - c. Other information in the title heading of the report is the **youth's** name, ML-number or NL Number for 450 WIC Non-Minor

Dependents, date of birth, status of the youth (AWOL/ in custody) date of hearing, review #, date of placement order, and name of bench officer (Judge/Commissioner/Referee).

2. Evaluation of Current Placement Needs

- a. Identify the name of the facility in which the **youth** is placed, and briefly describe the program offered.
- b. State the goals that are to be addressed while the **youth** is in placement.
- c. Describe what progress the youth has made in achieving those goals.
- d. In the event the **youth** has failed to make progress, describe how (s)he has failed and document efforts made by probation and placement facility to seek compliance.
- e. Address specifically the **youth's** progress in school, both behaviorally and academically. Also address progress in therapy.
- f. If the **youth** requires continued out-of-home placement, state why this is necessary.
- g. If reunification with the family is anticipated, discuss progress made towards permanency and give the approximate reunification date.
- h. If family reunification is not an option, document reasoning and provide justification why family reunification is not an option.
- i. Within the Case Plan Section of the report, make sure to indicate whether emancipation or independent living is going to be the long-term goal.
- j. Once the **youth** reached the age of 17 ½, the assigned DPO is to include information regarding Extended Foster Care (EFC) services available to the **youth** once (s)he reaches the age of majority and to state whether the youth intends to continue to receive services past the age of 18. A case plan and Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP) is needed along with JV680 – Findings and Orders for Child approaching Majority – Delinquency. Rules of the Court 5.707 states what information and findings are needed in the Periodic Review following the youth turning 17 ½. At the first Periodic Review Hearing following the **youth's** 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, JV683 – Findings and Orders After Hearing to Modify Delinquency Jurisdiction to Transition Jurisdiction for Ward Older Than 18 Years of Age is submitted along with the case plan and TILP.
- k. If the assigned DPO feels that delinquency jurisdiction is no longer necessary since the **youth** has met all rehabilitative goals, but the **youth** still wants to receive Extended Foster Care services, JV 682 – Findings and Orders after Hearing to Modify Delinquency

Jurisdiction to Transitional Jurisdiction for a Child younger than 18 years of age will need to be completed and the recommendation will be for the **youth** to be transitioned into WIC 450 Transitional Jurisdiction. This gives the **youth** the ability to receive services without terms and conditions of probation.

- I. Once the **youth** has been transitioned to WIC 450 Transitional Jurisdiction, a Status Review Hearing will be calendared every 6 months where a Status Review report, case plan and Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP) will be ordered. Rules of the Court 5.903 explain what is needed in a status review report along with all findings that are required. Status Review reports are to be accompanied by JV462 – Findings and Orders After Non-Minor Dependent Status Review Hearing.

3. Recommendation

- a. If appropriate, a recommendation for wardship to terminate can be made at the Placement Review Hearing.
- b. If continuation of wardship is appropriate, the recommendation will be that the Suitable Placement Order remain in full force and effect, and to calendar the appropriate placement review in six months, i.e., Permanency Placement Review or Periodic Placement Review.
- c. Appropriate findings as outlined on the Recommended Title IV-E Findings to Ensure Federal Foster Care Reimbursement reference sheet are to be used on each Pre-permanency, Permanency, and Post-permanency reports.
- d. Once a **youth** has transitioned to WIC 450 Transitional Jurisdiction, a recommendation can be made to terminate Transitional Jurisdiction prior to the Non-Minor Dependent's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. Rules of Court 5.555 explain what is needed in a Status Review report where the recommendation is going to be to terminate Juvenile Court jurisdiction over the Non-Minor Dependent. JV 365 – Termination of Juvenile Court jurisdiction – Non-Minor Dependent and JV367 – Findings and Orders after Hearing to Consider Termination of Juvenile Court Jurisdiction Over a Non-Minor will need to be submitted to the court along with the Status Review report and case plan.

**REFERENCES:**

Procedures:	2-6-104	Nonappearance Modification of Existing Court Orders
Policies:	A-1	Policy, Procedure, and the Law
	F-2	Recommendations to the Court for Dispositions / Sentencing Out-of-Home Placement or Commitment for Minors
	F-4	Visits with Minors – Juvenile Institutions Placements
Rules of Court:	5.707	<u>Review Hearing Requirements for Child Approaching Majority</u>
	5.903	<u>Status Review Hearing for Non-Minor Dependent</u>
	5.555	<u>Hearing to Consider Termination of Juvenile Court Jurisdiction over a Dependent or Ward age 18 or in a Foster Care Placement or over a Non-Minor Dependent</u>

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