

(II) A CAREGIVER IS ENTITLED TO BE HEARD AT A GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW HEARING.

(III) A CAREGIVER IS NOT A PARTY SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF THE RIGHT TO NOTICE OR OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT A GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW HEARING.

(5) (I) AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE EACH GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW HEARING, A LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL:

1. INVESTIGATE AS NEEDED TO PREPARE A WRITTEN REPORT THAT SUMMARIZES THE CHILD'S CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE IN IMPLEMENTING THE CHILD'S PERMANENCY PLAN; AND

2. SEND A COPY OF THE REPORT TO:

A. THE CHILD'S ATTORNEY; AND

B. EACH OF THE CHILD'S LIVING PARENTS WHO HAS NOT WAIVED THE RIGHT TO NOTICE AND THAT PARENT'S ATTORNEY.

(II) NOTICE TO A PARENT UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE SENT TO THE PARENT'S LAST ADDRESS KNOWN TO THE JUVENILE COURT.

(6) A CHILD'S PERMANENCY PLAN MAY BE, IN ORDER OF PRIORITY:

(I) ADOPTION OF THE CHILD;

(II) CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE CHILD BY AN INDIVIDUAL; OR

(III) ANOTHER PLANNED PERMANENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT THAT:

1. ADDRESSES THE INDIVIDUALIZED NEEDS OF THE CHILD, INCLUDING THE CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL PLAN, EMOTIONAL STABILITY, PHYSICAL PLACEMENT, AND SOCIALIZATION NEEDS; AND

2. INCLUDES GOALS THAT PROMOTE THE CONTINUITY OF RELATIONS WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL FILL A LASTING AND SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE CHILD'S LIFE.

(7) EVERY REASONABLE EFFORT SHALL BE MADE TO IMPLEMENT A PERMANENCY PLAN WITHIN 1 YEAR.

(8) AT EACH GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW HEARING FOR A CHILD, A JUVENILE COURT SHALL:

(I) EVALUATE THE CHILD'S SAFETY AND ACT AS NEEDED TO PROTECT THE CHILD;

(II) CONSIDER THE WRITTEN REPORT OF A LOCAL OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT REVIEW BOARD REQUIRED UNDER § 5-545 OF THIS TITLE;