

(1) Determine the child's permanency plan, which may be:

- (i) Reunification with the parent or guardian;
- (ii) Placement with a relative for:
 - 1. Adoption; or
 - 2. Custody and guardianship;
- (iii) Adoption by a nonrelative;
- (iv) Guardianship by a nonrelative;
- (v) Continuation in a specified placement on a permanent basis because of the child's special needs or circumstances;
- (vi) Continuation in placement for a specified period because of the child's special needs or circumstances; or
- (vii) Independent living; and

(2) For a child who has attained the age of 16, determine the services needed to assist the child to make the transition from placement to independent living.

(g) In the case of a child for whom the court determines that the plan should be changed to adoption under subsection (e)(1)(iii) of this section, the court shall:

(1) Order the local department to file a petition for guardianship in accordance with Title 5, Subtitle 3 of the Family Law Article within 30 days or, if the local department does not support the plan, within 60 days; and

(2) Schedule a TPR hearing instead of the next 6-month review hearing.

(h) (1) (i) Except as provided in subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph, the court shall conduct a hearing to review the permanency plan at least every 6 months until commitment is rescinded or a voluntary placement is terminated.

(ii) The court shall conduct a review hearing every 12 months after the court determines that the child shall be continued in out-of-home placement with a specific caregiver who agrees to care for the child on a permanent basis.

(iii) 1. Unless the court finds good cause, a case shall be terminated after the court grants custody and guardianship of the child to a relative or other individual.

2. If the court finds good cause not to terminate a case, the court shall conduct a review hearing every 12 months until the case is terminated.

(2) At the review hearing, the court shall:

(i) Determine the continuing necessity for and appropriateness of the commitment;