

(ii) Determine and document in its order whether reasonable efforts have been made to finalize the permanency plan that is in effect;

(iii) Determine the extent of progress that has been made toward alleviating or mitigating the causes necessitating commitment;

(iv) Project a reasonable date by which a child in placement may be returned home, placed in a preadoptive home, or placed under a legal guardianship;

(v) Evaluate the safety of the child and take necessary measures to protect the child; and

(vi) Change the permanency plan if a change in the permanency plan would be in the child's best interest.

(3) Every reasonable effort shall be made to effectuate a permanent placement for the child within 24 months after the date of initial placement.

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(b) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, a guardian with the right to consent to adoption, including a guardian with the right to consent to adoption who was appointed without the consent of the natural parents, shall file a written report with the court and give notice of the child's status to each natural parent of the child under the guardianship and to the child's court-appointed counsel if:

(1) a placement for adoption is not made within 9 months of the decree of guardianship;

(2) a placement for adoption is made within 9 months of the decree of guardianship, but there is a disrupted placement, and a new placement is not made within 120 days of the disrupted placement; or

(3) a final decree of adoption is not entered within 2 years after placement for adoption.

(f) On receipt of the guardian's report under subsection (b) of this section, and every 12 months thereafter, the court:

(1) shall hold a hearing to review the progress which has been made toward the child's adoption and to review whether the child's current placement and circumstances are in the child's best interest; and

(2) shall then take whatever action the court considers appropriate in the child's best interest.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved May 26, 2005.