

(II) A CHILD WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF A CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP PROCEEDING UNDER § 3-819.2 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(3) The Administrative Office of the Courts:

(i) Shall administer the Program;

(ii) Shall report annually to the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly regarding the operation of the Program; and

(iii) May adopt rules governing the implementation and operation of the Program including funding, training, selection, and supervision of volunteers.

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(e) (2) To the extent consistent with the best interests of the child in an out-of-home placement, the local department shall consider the following permanency plans, in descending order of priority:

(i) returning the child to the child's parent or guardian, unless the LOCAL department is the guardian;

(ii) placing the child with relatives to whom adoption~~[,]~~ ~~OR~~ CUSTODY AND guardianship, ~~for care and custody,~~ in descending order of priority, are planned to be granted;

(iii) adoption in the following descending order of priority:

1. by a current foster parent with whom the child has resided continually for at least the 12 months prior to developing the permanency plan or for a sufficient length of time to have established positive relationships and family ties; or

2. by another approved adoptive family; OR

(IV) ~~PLACING THE CHILD IN 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.

~~[(iv)](V) placing the child [in a court approved permanent foster home with a specific caregiver] WITH A NONRELATIVE GUARDIAN; OR~~

~~[(v)](VI) [an independent living arrangement; or~~