

(B) (1) IN A HEARING CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 3-815, § 3-817, § 3-819, OR § 3-823 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE COURT SHALL MAKE A FINDING WHETHER THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT MADE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO PREVENT PLACEMENT OF THE CHILD INTO THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT'S CUSTODY.

(2) IN A REVIEW HEARING CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 3-823 OF THIS SUBTITLE OR § 5-319 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE, THE COURT SHALL MAKE A FINDING WHETHER A LOCAL DEPARTMENT MADE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO:

(I) FINALIZE THE PERMANENCY PLAN IN EFFECT FOR THE CHILD;
AND

(II) MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CHILD, INCLUDING THE CHILD'S HEALTH, EDUCATION, SAFETY, AND PREPARATION FOR INDEPENDENCE.

(3) THE COURT SHALL REQUIRE A LOCAL DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF ITS EFFORTS BEFORE THE COURT MAKES A FINDING REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(4) THE COURT'S FINDING UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL ASSESS THE EFFORTS MADE SINCE THE LAST ADJUDICATION OF REASONABLE EFFORTS AND MAY NOT RELY ON FINDINGS FROM PRIOR HEARINGS.

(C) IN MAKING ITS FINDINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER:

(1) THE EXTENT TO WHICH A LOCAL DEPARTMENT HAS COMPLIED WITH THE LAW, REGULATIONS, STATE OR FEDERAL COURT ORDERS, OR A STIPULATED AGREEMENT ACCEPTED BY THE COURT REGARDING THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO A CHILD IN AN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT;

(2) WHETHER A LOCAL DEPARTMENT HAS ENSURED THAT:

(I) A CASEWORKER IS PROMPTLY ASSIGNED TO AND ACTIVELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CASE AT ALL TIMES;

(II) THE IDENTITY OF THE CASEWORKER HAS BEEN PROMPTLY COMMUNICATED TO THE COURT AND THE PARTIES; AND

(III) THE CASEWORKER IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE CASE AND HAS RECEIVED ON A TIMELY BASIS ALL PERTINENT FILES AND OTHER INFORMATION AFTER RECEIVING THE ASSIGNMENT FROM THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT;

(3) FOR A HEARING UNDER § 3-823 OF THIS SUBTITLE, WHETHER A LOCAL DEPARTMENT HAS PROVIDED APPROPRIATE SERVICES THAT FACILITATE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A PERMANENCY PLAN FOR THE CHILD;

(4) WHETHER THE CHILD'S PLACEMENT HAS BEEN STABLE AND IN THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE SETTING APPROPRIATE, AVAILABLE, AND ACCESSIBLE FOR THE CHILD DURING THE PERIOD SINCE THE MOST RECENT HEARING HELD BY THE COURT;