

(2) who are abused, abandoned, neglected, or dependent, if a juvenile court:

(i) has determined that continued residence in the child's home is contrary to the child's welfare; and

(ii) has committed the child to the custody or guardianship of a local department.

(b) The local department shall provide 24-hour a day care and supportive services for a child who is committed to its custody or guardianship in a licensed or approved foster family home, group home, or child care institution on a short term basis, while the local department develops and implements a [permanent] PERMANENCY plan that is in the best interests of the child.

(c) In developing a [permanent] PERMANENCY plan that is in the best interests of a child under foster care, the local department shall consider the following, in descending order of priority:

(1) returning the child to the child's parent or guardian;

(2) placing the child with relatives;

(3) adoption;

(4) an independent living arrangement; or

(5) in exceptional situations as defined by rule or regulation, long-term foster care.

(D) (1) THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(I) PREPARE THE PERMANENCY PLAN IN WRITING WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE DATE THE CHILD COMES INTO CARE;

(II) IF THE CHILD IS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE JUVENILE COURT, FURNISH THE PLAN TO THE CHILD'S PARENTS, THE CHILD--;-- OR THE CHILD'S COUNSEL, AND TO THE JUVENILE COURT; AND

(III) MAINTAIN THE PLAN IN THE AGENCY'S CASE RECORD.

(2) THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL AMEND THE PLAN PROMPTLY AS NECESSARY IN LIGHT OF THE CHILD'S SITUATION AND ANY COURT ORDERS WHICH AFFECT THE CHILD.

(E) UNLESS A CHILD HAS RECEIVED A REVIEW FROM THE LOCAL BOARD OF REVIEW OF FOSTER CARE UNDER § 5-544 OF PART IV OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL PERFORM AN ADMINISTRATIVE