

(b) (1) In making a disposition on a CINA petition under this subtitle, the court shall:

(i) Find that the child is not in need of assistance and, except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, dismiss the case; [or]

~~(II) FIND THAT THE CHILD IS NOT IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE AND ORDER THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT TO OFFER A VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT AGREEMENT TO A CHILD WITH A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY OR MENTAL ILLNESS UNDER § 5-525(A)(1)(I) OR (II) OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE HOLD IN ABEYANCE A FINDING ON WHETHER A CHILD WITH A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY OR A MENTAL ILLNESS IS A CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE AND:~~

1. ORDER THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT TO ASSESS OR REASSESS THE FAMILY AND CHILD'S ELIGIBILITY FOR PLACEMENT OF THE CHILD IN ACCORDANCE WITH A VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT AGREEMENT UNDER § 5-525(A)(1)(I) OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE;

2. ORDER THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT TO REPORT BACK TO THE COURT IN WRITING WITHIN 30 DAYS UNLESS THE COURT EXTENDS THE TIME PERIOD FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN;

3. IF THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT DOES NOT FIND THE CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR PLACEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH A VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT AGREEMENT, HOLD A HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE FAMILY AND CHILD ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PLACEMENT OF THE CHILD IN ACCORDANCE WITH A VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT AGREEMENT; AND

4. AFTER THE HEARING:

A. FIND THAT THE CHILD IS NOT IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE AND ORDER THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT TO OFFER TO PLACE THE CHILD IN ACCORDANCE WITH A VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT AGREEMENT UNDER § 5-525(A)(1)(I) OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE;

B. FIND THAT THE CHILD IS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE; OR

C. DISMISS THE CASE; OR

[(ii)] (iii) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, find that the child is in need of assistance and: