

(iii) there is little likelihood that those conditions will be remedied at an early date so that the child can be returned to the natural parent in the immediate future; and

(iv) a continuation of the relationship between the natural parent and the child would diminish greatly the child's prospects for early integration into a stable and permanent family.

(b) ~~(4)~~ The court may find that a child is abandoned for purposes of this section if, after a thorough investigation by the child placement agency, the court finds that:

~~(1)~~ ~~(4)~~ the identity of the child's natural parents is unknown; and

~~(2)~~ ~~(4)~~ no one has claimed to be the child's natural parent within 2 months of the alleged abandonment of the child.

~~(2) (4) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPHS (II) AND (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COURT MAY FIND THAT A CHILD WHO IS 24 MONTHS OLD OR YOUNGER ON THE DATE THE PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS IS FILED IS ABANDONED FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION IF THE NATURAL PARENT HAS NOT CONTACTED THE CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY OR THE CHILD IN PERSON, BY TELEPHONE, IN WRITING, OR BY ANY OTHER METHOD OF COMMUNICATION WITHIN 6 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS BEFORE THE FILING OF THE PETITION, DESPITE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO.~~

~~(II) THE COURT MAY NOT FIND THAT THE NATURAL PARENT LACKED THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTACT THE CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY OR THE CHILD SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF THE INCARCERATION OF THE PARENT.~~

~~(III) THE COURT MAY NOT FIND THAT A CHILD IS ABANDONED BY ONE NATURAL PARENT SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF THE TESTIMONY OF THE OTHER PARENT.~~

(c) In determining whether it is in the best interest of the child to terminate a natural parent's rights as to the child in any case, except the case of an abandoned child, the court shall ~~consider~~ GIVE:

(1) PRIMARY CONSIDERATION TO THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF THE CHILD; AND

(2) CONSIDERATION TO:

(4) (I) the timeliness, nature, and extent of the services offered by the child placement agency to facilitate reunion of the child with the natural parent;

(2) (II) any social service agreement between the natural parent and the child placement agency, and the extent to which all parties have fulfilled their obligations under the agreement;

(3) (III) the child's feelings toward and emotional ties with the child's natural parents, the child's siblings, and any other individuals who may significantly affect the child's best interest;