

(1) Determine the future status of the child, including whether the child should be:

- (i) Returned to the parent or guardian;
- (ii) Placed with relatives to whom adoption or guardianship is granted;
- (iii) Placed for adoption;
- (iv) Emancipated;
- (v) Because of the child's special needs or circumstances, continued in placement on a permanent or long-term basis; or
- (vi) Because of the child's special needs or circumstances, continued in placement for a specified period; or

(2) For a child who has attained the age of 16, determine the services needed to assist the child to make the transition from placement to independent living.

(d) For a child whom the court determines shall be continued in placement under subsection (c)(1)(vi) of this section:

- (1) The court shall:
 - (i) Determine the continuing necessity for and appropriateness of the commitment;
 - (ii) Determine the extent of compliance with the permanency plan;
 - (iii) Determine the extent of progress which has been made toward alleviating or mitigating the causes necessitating commitment; and
 - (iv) Project a reasonable date by which a child in placement may be returned home or placed for adoption or legal guardianship; and

(2) The court shall conduct a review hearing no less frequently than every 6 months until commitment is rescinded.

(3) Every reasonable effort shall be made to effectuate a permanent placement for the child within 24 months from the date of initial placement.

(e) For a child whom the court determines shall be placed for adoption under subsection (c)(1)(iii) of this section:

- (1) The court shall order that the petition for termination of parental rights shall be filed within 30 days; and
- (2) The court shall schedule the termination of parental rights hearing in lieu of the next 6-month review hearing.

(f) For a child whom the court determines shall be placed in permanent foster care under subsection (c)(1)(v) of this section: