

(1) The court may order permanent foster care or kinship care with a specific caregiver who agrees to care for the child on a permanent basis; and

(2) No review hearing need be held unless the court orders otherwise.

(g) For a child whom the court determines shall be placed in long-term foster care under subsection (c)(1)(v) of this section court reviews shall be conducted no less frequently than every 6 months.

(H) AT A REVIEW HEARING UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER ANY WRITTEN REPORT OF A LOCAL BOARD OF REVIEW OF FOSTER CARE REQUIRED UNDER § 5-545 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE.

Article - Family Law

5-544.

The goals of each local board are:

(1) ~~as to minor children who [have resided] RESIDE in foster care OR KINSHIP CARE under the jurisdiction of the local department [for more than 6 months]:~~

(i) ~~[to review the cases every 6 months] to determine what efforts have been made to acquire permanent and stable placement for these children; and~~

(ii) ~~to encourage and facilitate the return of each of these children to the child's parent or, on determining that return of a child to the child's parent is not in the best interests of the child, to encourage placement of the child with the child's relatives, provided the placement has legal status, or if neither measure is in the best interests of the child, to encourage efforts at adoption of the child;~~

(2) ~~to encourage all possible efforts for permanent foster care OR PERMANENT KINSHIP CARE or guardianship for minor children for whom return to a parent or adoption is not feasible; and~~

(3) ~~to report to the juvenile court on the status of efforts to secure permanent homes for minor children.~~

5-545.

~~(A) EACH LOCAL BOARD SHALL REVIEW WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF PLACEMENT, AND EVERY 6 MONTHS THEREAFTER, THE CASES OF MINOR CHILDREN WHO ARE IN THE CUSTODY OR UNDER THE GUARDIANSHIP OF THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT AND WHO HAVE BEEN PLACED IN FOSTER CARE UNDER § 5-525 OF THIS SUBTITLE OR KINSHIP CARE UNDER § 5-524 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

~~{(a)}(B)~~ (4) Each local board shall report in writing to the juvenile court and the local department on each minor child whose case is reviewed by the local board.

~~{(b)}(B)~~ In the report, the local board may recommend, as being in the best interest of the minor child:

~~{(1)}(B)~~ that the child be returned to the parent or legal guardian;