

**10A NCAC 70A .0111 REVIEW OF COURT ORDERED PLACEMENTS**

(a) In cases where the court removes custody of a child from a parent or caregiver because of dependency, neglect or abuse and places the child in the custody of the Department of Social Services, the county director shall not return the child to his parents or caregivers without the judge finding sufficient facts to show that the child will receive proper care and supervision.

(b) In any case where custody is removed from a parent, guardian, custodian, or caretaker the court shall conduct a review hearing within 90 days from the date of the dispositional hearing and shall conduct a review hearing within six months thereafter.

(c) The county director of social services shall make a timely request to the clerk to calendar each review at a session of court scheduled for the hearing of juvenile matters. The clerk shall give 15 days' notice of the review and its purpose to the parent, the juvenile, if 12 years of age or more, the guardian, any foster parent, relative, or preadoptive parent providing care for the child, the custodian or agency with custody, the guardian ad litem, and any other person or agency the court may specify, indicating the court's impending review.

(d) The county director shall submit a written report to the judge that shall include but not be limited to:

- (1) The services plan developed with the family to preserve the child's own home or to reunite the parents and children;
- (2) The specific changes on the part of the parents and children;
- (3) Whether the child can remain at home or be returned home, and the plan to be used when the child returns home;
- (4) If the child cannot return home, the plan to be used to establish the permanent living arrangement for the child, including projected time frames and any considerations of termination of parental rights;
- (5) Goals and objectives for the child's continuation in foster care if indicated and the role of foster parents in planning for the child;
- (6) A summary of the child's specific experiences in placement, both positive and negative, including the different placements the child has had since the last court hearing; and
- (7) Any other information the court deems necessary.

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