

Reasonable Candidacy Documentation Form

INSTRUCTIONS & GUIDELINES

- ☞ Only LDSS employees are authorized to make the determination of reasonable candidacy for foster care.
- ☞ A copy of this form is to be maintained in the service record.
- ☞ The LDSS family services specialist must comply with all applicable Foster Care Prevention and Child Protective Services guidance.
- ☞ A child is a reasonable candidate when he/she is documented as a serious risk of removal from the home as evidenced by the LDSS family services specialist either pursuing removal from the home, or making reasonable efforts to prevent such removal.

PART A – CLIENT INFORMATION

LDSS/ FIPS:

FAMILY SERVICES SPECIALIST NAME:

WORKER IDENTIFICATION #:

CHILD'S NAME:

CASE #:

CLIENT ID# :

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ – *(Check one of the following)*

- Under the age of 18
- Age 18 or older – **Not a Reasonable Candidate**

WHERE IS THE CHILD LIVING? – *(Check one of the following)*

- In his/her home
- Outside of the home: foster care setting/detention/forestry camp/psychiatric hospital – **Not a Reasonable Candidate**

PART B – REASONABLE CANDIDACY DOCUMENTATION METHOD

CHECK ONE: **Initial Determination** **or** **Re-determination**

Check one of the appropriate methods to document a child's reasonable candidacy status:

- A case plan which clearly indicates:
(all of the requirements below must be verified and all boxes must be checked to properly document a child as a reasonable candidate)
 - that absent effective preventive services, foster care placement is the planned arrangement of the child; and
 - that the plan was developed jointly with the child, and the parents or guardians when appropriate; and
 - a description of the services offered and/or provided to prevent the removal of the child from the home; and
 - the case is actively being managed to maintain the child in the home and/or prevent placement into foster care

Or,

- Evidence of court proceedings in relation to the removal of the child from his/her home, in the form of a petition, a court order, or transcript of the court proceedings and a copy is maintained in the child's service record.

FAMILY SERVICES SPECIALIST SIGNATURE:

DATE:

SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE:

DATE:

A re-determination is due within six months of this date.

Date the child is no longer considered a reasonable candidate.

DATE: