

Permanency Planning Indicator

Case Name:	Form Completion Date:
Parent or Prior Custodian:	Social Worker's Name:
Case Number:	
Section 1 – Strengths	Section 2 – Barriers
Parent-Child Relationships	Catastrophic Prior Abuse
1. Parent shows empathy for child	*1. Parent has killed or seriously harmed <i>another</i> child through abuse or neglect and no significant change has occurred in the interim.
2. Parent responds appropriately to the child's verbal and non-verbal signals	*2. Parent has repeatedly and with premeditation harmed or tortured <i>this</i> child.
3. Parent has an ability to put the child's needs ahead of his/her own.	*3. Child experienced sexual abuse by a caretaker or entered foster care due to sexual abuse.
4. When they are together, the child shows comfort in the parent's presence.	4. Child experienced physical abuse in infancy.
6. In the past, the parent has met the child's basic physical and emotional needs.	Dangerous Lifestyle
7. Parent accepts some responsibility for the problems that brought the child into care or to the attention of the authorities.	5. Parent's only visible support system and only visible means of financial support is found in illegal drugs, prostitution, and street life.
Current Parental Support System	6. Parent is addicted to debilitating illegal drugs or alcohol.
8. Parent has positive, significant relationships with other adults who seem free of overt pathology.	7. Pattern of documented domestic violence between the spouses and they refuse to separate.
9. Parent has a meaningful support system that can help him/her now (job, counselor, faith based group/network/institution).	8. Parent has a recent history of serious criminal activity and jail.
10. Extended family is nearby and capable of providing support.	9. Mother abused drugs/alcohol during pregnancy despite medical evidence to the contrary.
Past Parental Support System	Significant History
11. Extended family history shows family members able to help appropriately when one member is not functioning well.	*10. Parental rights to another child have been terminated following a period of service delivery to the parent and <i>no significant change has occurred in the interim.</i>
12. Relatives came forward to offer help when the child needed placement.	11. There have been three or more CPS interventions for serious separate incidents, indicating a chronic pattern of abuse or severe neglect.
13. Relatives have followed through on commitments in the past.	12. In addition to emotional trauma, the child has suffered more than one form of abuse, neglect, or sexual abuse.
14. There are significant other adults, not blood relatives, who have helped the family in the past.	13. Siblings have been placed in foster care or with relatives for a period of time over six month duration or have had repeated placements with CPS intervention.
15. Significant other adults have followed through on commitments in the past.	14. This child has been abandoned with friends, relatives, hospital, or in foster care; or once the child placed in subsequent care, the parent does not visit of his/her own accord.
Family History	15. CPS preventative measures have failed to keep the child with the parent.
16. Family's ethnic, cultural, or religious background includes and emphasis on mutual caretaking and shared parenting in times of crisis.	16. Parent is under the age of 16 with no parenting support system, and placement of the child and parent together has failed due to parent's behavior.
17. Parent's own history shows consistency of parental caregiver.	17. Parent grew up in foster care or group care, or in a family of intergenerational abuse.
18. Parent's history shows evidence of his/her childhood needs being met adequately.	18. Parent has asked to relinquish the child on more than one occasion following initial intervention.
Parent's Self-Care and Maturity	Parental Conditions
19. Parent's general health is good.	*19. Parent diagnosed with severe mental illness (psychosis, schizophrenia, borderline personality disorder, sociopathy) which has not responded to previously delivered mental health services.
20. Parent uses medical care for self appropriately.	20. Parent's symptoms continue, rendering parent unable to protect and nurture child.
21. Parent's hygiene and grooming are consistently adequate.	21. Parent has a diagnosis of chronic and debilitating mental or physical illness: psychosis, schizophrenia, borderline personality disorder, sociopathy, brain injury, or other physical illness that responds slowly or not at all to current treatment modalities.
22. Parent has a history of stability in housing.	22. Parent is intellectually impaired, has shown significant self-care deficits, and has no support system of relatives able to share parenting
23. Parent has a solid employment history.	
24. Parent has graduated from high school or possesses a GED.	
25. Parent has employable skills.	
Child's Development	
26. Child shows age-appropriate cognitive abilities.	
27. Child is able to attend to tasks at an age-appropriate level.	
28. Child shows evidence of conscience development.	
29. Child has appropriate social skills.	
30. Major behavioral problems are absent.	
Section 3 - Need for Concurrent Plan	
Concurrent Plan Needed	
Concurrent Plan Not Needed	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Permanency Planning Indicator is done once, as early in the process as possible, to determine if the child will be placed in a permanency planning resource family. • Reassessment consists of review of the parent's visitation with the child and progress with the case plan. 	<p>* Extreme conditions making family reunification a low probability.</p> <p><i>Adapted from Concurrent Planning: From Permanency Planning to Permanency Action, Katz and Robinson.</i></p>