

JUVENILE COURT
POLICY/PROCEDURE

PERMANENCY PLAN REVIEWS

POLICY

Pursuant to §48.38(5) or §938.38(5) a review of the permanency plan for any child placed outside of the home will be conducted at least every 6 months.

Effective January 1997, the permanency plan reviews for children placed out of home will be conducted as follows:

- For **all** children under age 3 **and** for **any child for whom a TPR is considered to be a possible or likely outcome**, the **Judge** will conduct the initial 6 month review and all annual reviews at the time of any concurrent extension. Subsequent 6 month reviews may be conducted by the commissioner if so directed by the Judge.
- For children **ages 3-21** not included above all annual review(s) will be conducted by the **Judge** concurrent with any extension. Intervening 6 month reviews will be conducted by a panel designated by the Department of Human Services.

PROCEDURE

Required notices for all reviews conducted by the Court will be sent by the Court. Requests for Permanency Plan Reviews by the court must be made 60 days prior to the date needed for the review to provide sufficient time for scheduling and noticing of parties. For reviews conducted by the panel designated by the Department, the Department is responsible for sending required notices to parties.

COMMENTS/EXCEPTIONS

The court may, in any case set for review by the panel under the guidelines above, direct that any/all subsequent reviews be conducted by the court rather than the panel.