

## ADJUDICATORY / DISPOSITIONAL HEARING

### Assessment of Risk

1. What was the harm or act which brought the case before the court?
2. Where is the child placed at this time?
3. If in the home, has the risk of harm been sufficiently reduced to allow the child to remain?
4. If outside the home, has the risk of harm been sufficiently reduced to allow the child to return at this time?
5. If outside the home, is this the least restrictive type of placement that meets the child's needs? The closest to home?
6. How often does the social worker see the child?
7. How often does the social worker see the family?
8. What services are being provided to the family and how do they address the risk of harm?
9. Is the agency making unreasonable demands upon the family?
10. Are additional services needed, and if so, which ones?
11. Are such services available and accessible?

### Assessment of Primary Caregiver

1. What progress has been made by the caregiver in eliminating the need for placement?
2. What barriers still exist?
3. What level of motivation and cooperation has been shown by the caregiver?
4. What level of support has been provided to the caregiver by spouse, significant other, extended family or friends?
5. If one of the child's parents has not been involved, what efforts at contact have been made?
6. What is the visitation schedule? When did it begin? Is it adequate and realistically scheduled? Has the caregiver adhered to it?
7. What happens during visits?

## **Assessment of Child**

1. Are the child's basic physical needs for food, clothing, shelter, protection and supervision being met?
2. How are the child's emotional needs being met?
3. What is the child's relationship with his / her siblings?
4. How has the child reacted emotionally / behaviorally to out of home care, if applicable?
5. List current school and grade and describe academic functioning.
6. Are educational needs being met? If not, why not?
7. What is being done about any health problems the child has?
8. What is being done about any special needs the child has?
9. What are the child's wishes regarding placement at this time?

## **Assessment of Out of Home Placement**

1. If the child remains in care, will replacement be necessary and if so why?
2. What type of facility would the child be moved to and what is the availability of such placements at this time?
3. What will this facility provide for the child? For the parent?
4. Would siblings be placed (or remain) together?
5. What visitation arrangements would be made, i.e. location, frequency, length, transportation, supervision?
6. What is the expected duration of the placement?