

GROUNDS FOR INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION WORKSHEET

Section 2511 (a) (1): The parent by conduct continuing for a period of at least six months immediately preceding the filing of the petition either has evidenced a settled purpose of relinquishing parental claims to a child or has refused or failed to perform parental duties.

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GROUNDS FOR INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION WORKSHEET (continued)

Section 2511 (a) (2): The repeated and continued incapacity, abuse, neglect or refusal of the parent has caused the child to be without essential parental care, control or subsistence necessary for his physical or mental well-being and the conditions and causes of the incapacity, abuse, neglect or refusal cannot or will not be remedied by the parent.

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GROUNDS FOR INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION WORKSHEET (continued)

Section 2511 (a) (3): The parent is the presumptive but not the natural father of the child.

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GROUNDS FOR INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION WORKSHEET (continued)

Section 2511 (a) (4): The child is in the custody of an agency, having been found under such circumstances that the identity or whereabouts of the parent is unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent search and the parent does not claim the child within three months after the child is found.

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GROUNDS FOR INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION WORKSHEET (continued)

Section 2511 (a) (5): The child has been removed from the care of the parent by the court or under a voluntary agreement with an agency for a period of at least six months, the conditions which led to the removal or placement of the child continue to exist, the parent cannot or will not remedy those conditions within a reasonable period of time, the services or assistance reasonably available to the parent are not likely to remedy the conditions which led to the removal or placement of the child within a reasonable period of time and termination of the parental rights would best serve the needs and welfare of the child.

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Section 2511 (a) (6): In the case of a newborn child, the parent knows or has reason to know of the child's birth, does not reside with the child, has not married the child's other parent, has failed for a period of four months immediately preceding the filing of the petition to make reasonable efforts to maintain substantial and continuing contact with the child and has failed during the same four-month period to provide substantial financial support for the child.

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GROUNDS FOR INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION WORKSHEET (continued)

Section 2511 (a) (7): The parent is the father of a child who was conceived as a result of a rape.

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GROUNDS FOR INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION WORKSHEET (continued)

Section 2511 (a) (8): The child has been removed from the care of the parent by the court or under a voluntary agreement with an agency, 12 months or more have elapsed from the date of removal or placement, the conditions which led to the removal or placement of the child continue to exist and termination of parental rights would best serve the needs and welfare of the child.

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GROUNDS FOR INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION WORKSHEET (continued)

Section 2511 (a) (9): The parent has been convicted of one of the following in which the victim was a child of the parent:

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Section 2511 (b): The court in terminating the rights of a parent shall give primary consideration to the developmental, physical and emotional needs and welfare of the child. The rights of a parent shall not be terminated solely on the basis of environmental factors such inadequate housing, furnishings, income, clothing and medical care found to be beyond the control of the parent. With respect to any petition filed pursuant to subsection (a) (1), (6) or (8), the court shall not consider any efforts by the parent to remedy the conditions described therein which are first initiated subsequent to the giving notice of the filing of the petition.

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