

Determinations at Permanency Hearings

- the continuing necessity for and appropriateness of the placement.
- the appropriateness, feasibility, and extent of compliance with the permanency plan.
- the progress made toward alleviating the original circumstances necessitating placement.
- the appropriateness and feasibility of the current placement goal for the child.
- the likely date by which the placement goal for the child might be achieved.
- whether reasonable efforts were made to finalize the permanency plan in effect.
- whether the child is safe.
- if placed outside PA, whether the placement is best suited to the welfare of the child.
- whether independent living services are needed.
- whether a termination petition has been filed and the identification, recruitment, processing and approval of a qualified family to adopt the child has occurred if the child has been in placement at least 15 of the last 22 months, or aggravated circumstances exist and reasonable efforts are not needed (unless exceptions apply.)