

AGGRAVATED CIRCUMSTANCES

An aggravated circumstance is said to exist when:

- A situation is so egregious that a child's safety may be in serious jeopardy, and even with services, it is unlikely that safety can be assured.

OR

- A situation has occurred in which a child has been subjected to such egregious circumstances that reunification of the child with his or her family should not occur.

Five Aggravated Circumstances in Pennsylvania:

1. A child is abandoned.
2. The child or a sibling of the child has been subject to serious bodily injury, sexual violence or aggravated physical neglect.
3. The parent of the child has been convicted of certain crimes where the victim was a child.
4. The parent of the child attempted, solicited or conspired to commit the above crimes.
5. Parental rights to another child of the parent were involuntarily terminated.