

Factors to Review When Considering Changing the Goal to Adoption

- Parents' attitude toward reunification with the child
- Visiting patterns and interest in child while visiting
- Parents' behavioral changes during their children's placement
- Number and severity of parents' personal problems/functioning
- Reasons child originally came into care
- Interest in child while in placement
- Consistency in court attendance
- Verbal statements of parent regarding parenting child
- Cooperation with agency/caseworker
- Acceptance of services/follow-through
- Completion of services
- Support of extended family
- Number of previous failed reunifications
- Support of spouse/paramour/other parent
- Housing, finances, employment
- Parents' own childhood experiences
- Substance abuse
- Developmental disability of parent
- Personal needs in conflict with parenting
- Child's attachment /feelings toward parent and returning home
- Child's characteristics /behaviors /temperament
- Aggravated circumstances