

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF <Enter County>**

**Date:**  
**Judicial Officer:**  
**Deputy Clerk:**

In the matter of: \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

DISPOSITION HEARING

**Parties Present:**  
<Enter party>  
<Enter party>

This is the time set for the **DISPOSITION HEARING** on a dependency petition filed <Date of petition filing>.

**Open Proceedings:**

- The Court determines that the proceeding is to remain open to the public and admonishes attendees that they shall not disclose identifying information about the child, siblings, parents, guardians or caregivers, or other persons identified in the proceeding. The Court explains contempt of court to all attendees and possible consequences of violating a court order.
- The Court orders that the proceeding be closed based on the following: <Enter reason(s) that proceeding should be closed>.

**ICWA:** The Court finds that, based upon the assertions of the parties, the Indian Child Welfare Act, [25 U.S.C. §1901](#) et seq. <does / does not> apply.

**Documents Reviewed:** The Court has received and reviewed the following documents:  
<Enter names of specific documents>.

**Evidence/Testimony:** The Court takes evidence and hears testimony regarding the goal of the permanent case plan, the placement of the children, the services offered to reunite the family and whether continued efforts to reunify would be reasonable.

- <IF PRESENT> The court provides foster parents, pre-adoptive parents or a member of the child's extended family with whom the child has been placed an opportunity to be heard.

**Permanency Plan:** The Court has determined that the goal of <Enter permanency plan> is appropriate at this time.

- The Court determines that the concurrent plan of <Enter plan> is appropriate.
- The Court orders ADES to prepare a permanent case plan which is to include all dispositional orders.

The Court has determined that the services proposed in the case plan <are / are not> both necessary and appropriate.

- The Court orders** that ADES make reasonable efforts to provide services to the child(ren) and the parent(s) to facilitate reunification.
- Following consideration of the evidence presented and/or the testimony given, **the Court orders** the termination of reunification efforts due to the fact(s) that:
  - Reasonable search has failed to locate parent.
  - The parent's mental illness is of such magnitude that they would not benefit from reunification efforts.
  - The child was previously removed/adjudicate dependent twice due to physical/sexual abuse within the past eighteen months.
  - The parent was convicted of manslaughter of another of their children or conspiring to do the like.
  - The child suffered serious physical/emotional injury ([A.R.S. §8-201](#)).
  - The parent's rights to another child have been terminated and the parent has not addressed the issues that prompted the termination of their parental rights.
  - After the finding of dependency, found that the child had been removed on at least two previous occasions, reunification services were provided upon removal and that the parent was unable to discharge parental responsibilities.

**Placement and Custody:**

- The Court orders** that the child(ren) remain ward(s) of the Court in the legal care, custody and control of the Arizona Department of Economic Security.

- The Court affirms** placement as set forth in its placement orders.
- The child was placed pursuant to the standards of ICWA, [25 U.S.C. §1915](#).
- There is good cause to deviate from the placement preferences pursuant to ICWA requirements.
- The Court admonishes the <Enter applicable parent> that:
  - Failure to attend further proceedings may result in proceedings going forward in their absence;
  - Failure to participate in reunification services may result in the termination of parental rights or the establishment of a permanent guardianship.
- The Court finds that the parent, guardian, or Indian custodian was advised of the consequences of their failure to attend future hearings or participate in reunification services.

**Future Hearings:** The Court sets/affirms the following hearings:

- <Enter hearing type> as to <Enter applicable parent> is set for <Date, time and location of this hearing>.
- The Court vacates** the <Enter hearing type> set for <Enter date, time and location of this hearing>.
- The Court admonishes the <Enter applicable parent> that:
  - Failure to attend further proceedings may result in proceedings going forward in their absence;
  - Failure to participate in reunification services may result in the termination of parental rights or the establishment of a permanent guardianship.
- The Court finds that the parent, guardian, or Indian custodian was advised of the consequences of their failure to attend future hearings or participate in reunification services.
- The court orders notification to the foster parents, pre-adoptive parents or a member of the child's extended family with whom the child has been placed be effectuated by <Enter responsible party or manner by which notice is to be provided.>

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
<Judge / Commissioner / Hearing Officer> of the Superior Court