

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

**Date:**

**Judicial Officer:**

**Deputy Clerk:**

In the matter of:

No.

DISPOSITION HEARING

**Parties Present:**

<party>

<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 must not disclose identifying information (which includes posting anything on social media or the internet) 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: <reason(s) that proceeding should be closed>.

**Attorney/GAL Contact with Child Client:**

- The Court confirms that the <Attorney/GAL> for the child <has/has not> met with his/her client(s) before this hearing. [A.R.S. § 8-221\(H\)](#), [Ariz. R.P. Juv. Ct. 306](#)

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

**Documents Reviewed:** The Court has received and reviewed the following documents: <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 child, the services offered to reunite the family and whether continued efforts to reunify would be reasonable.

- <IF PRESENT> The Court provides foster parents, shelter care facility, receiving foster home, 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 <permanency plan> is in the child's best interest and takes into consideration placement with siblings or provides for frequent visitation or contact between siblings.

**OR**

- The Court has determined that the goal of <permanency plan> is in the child's best interest and further finds that visitation or contact between siblings is contrary to the child's or sibling's safety or well-being.
- The Court determines that the concurrent plan of <permanency plan> is appropriate.
- The Court orders DCS 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 DCS make reasonable efforts to provide services to the child and the parent 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 or deficiency is of such magnitude that they would not benefit from reunification efforts.
  - The child was previously removed/adjudicated dependent due to physical/sexual abuse and was again removed/adjudicated dependent due to physical/sexual abuse within the past eighteen months.
  - The parent was convicted of murder or manslaughter of a child 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 remain ward(s) of the Court in the legal care, custody and control of DCS of Child Safety.
- The Court affirms placement as set forth in its placement orders.
- The child was placed pursuant to the standards of ICWA. [25 USC § 1915](#)
- There is good cause to deviate from the placement preferences pursuant to ICWA requirements. <list factors considered and basis for good cause finding>
- The Court admonishes the <parent, guardian or Indian custodian> 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 permanent guardianship.
- The Court reads to and provides the parent, guardian or Indian custodian with a copy of Form 1, requests that the parent, guardian or Indian custodian sign and return a copy, and notes on the record that the form was provided.
- 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:

- <hearing type> as to <parent, guardian or Indian custodian> is set for <Date, time and location of this hearing>.
- The Court vacates** the <hearing type> set for <date, time and location of this hearing>.

- The Court admonishes the <parent, guardian or Indian custodian> that:
  - Failure to attend further proceedings may result in proceedings going forward in their absence;
  - Failure to participate in reunification services may result in termination of parental rights or permanent guardianship.
  - May read to and provide parent, guardian or Indian custodian with Form 1 and have them sign and return the copy.
  
- 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, shelter care facility, receiving foster home, pre-adoptive parents or a member of the child's extended family with whom the child has been placed be effectuated by <responsible party or manner by which notice is to be provided.>

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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<Judge/Commissioner/Hearing Officer> of the Superior Court