



## JCIP Model Dependency Forms

### Summary of Changes Effective October 1, 2020

#### (1) New Oregon DHS Child Welfare (ODHS) Court Report

Over the past year, ODHS has been piloting a new version of the court report required by ORS 419B.440 in Lane, Douglas, Lake and Klamath Counties. ODHS has been making further refinements this year and expects to release a revised version of the report during a staged rollout over five weeks beginning October 5, 2020. One new feature of the report is that it includes the elements of a case plan, allowing the caseworker to complete both the court report and the case plan at the same time. The goal is to improve the caseworker's ability to complete both documents in accordance with state and federal timelines and improve the caseworker's ability to engage the family through joint discussion of the case plan. They are calling the combined document the "family report."

There are a couple of items worth noting about the new report. First, the report will not include an executive summary section. Rather, an expandable box that indicates what ODHS is requesting and why is provided on the first page. If there are other items your local court would like to see in that section, please discuss this issue with your local ODHS representative and model court team. Second, the new report is formatted to allow the caseworker to include information about multiple children and parents. This will allow for additional efficiencies in preparing and reading reports. For purposes of allowing later inspection or copying of the report in juvenile court records, a recent legislative amendment makes clear that the court does not have to redact information about siblings or other persons mentioned in juvenile court records. *See* ORS 419A.255(19).

The roll out schedule for the new report is:

- Week 1 (October 5): Clatsop, Tillamook, Columbia, Lane, Douglas, Lake, Klamath
- Week 2 (October 12): Marion, Yamhill, Polk, Linn, Lincoln, Benton, Coos, Curry, Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler
- Week 3 (October 19): Jackson, Josephine, Deschutes, Jefferson, Crook, Clackamas, Wallowa, Union, Baker, Washington
- Week 4 (October 26): Multnomah, Umatilla, Morrow
- Week 5 (November 2): Multnomah, Grant, Harney, Malheur

#### (2) Revised Review and Permanency Hearing Forms

The order of the paragraphs in the review and permanency judgment forms has been readjusted to be consistent with the new court report form. In addition, a few substantive revisions have

been made:

- Boxes have been added to indicate parties who are appearing remotely;
- A box has been added to allow the court to indicate that the child has graduated from high school;
- A box has been added to allow the court to indicate if it previously relieved DHS of the requirement to notify all grandparents, and to indicate whether the court relieves DHS of the responsibility to provide notice of the hearing to all grandparents or just to specific grandparents;
- Language has been changed to make it clear that a concurrent planning finding is only required when the plan is reunification;
- Additional options have been added to the adoption section of the permanency judgment when termination of parental rights has already occurred; and
- Minor formatting changes have been made to the signature areas of the forms to better accommodate electronic signatures.

To ensure consistency, the changes regarding grandparent notice and signature areas will be made to shelter, and jurisdiction and disposition forms in conjunction with other expected changes to those forms in December of 2020.