



CRB FINDINGS GUIDE FOR PARTICIPANTS

WELCOME TO THE CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD (CRB)

We are conducting a review on behalf of the court. We appreciate your input.

INTRODUCTION: CRB staff will introduce attendees and a board member will read an opening statement. A board member will then introduce the case.

We are reviewing the case of:

The child was placed in care on:

The permanency plan is:

To everyone: “Does any person present have reason to know the child is an Indian child?”

To caseworker: “Have there been any significant changes to the permanency plan, placement, or circumstances of the child or parents in the last 30 days?”

DISCUSSION: Below is a list of the FINDINGS we are required to make. Not all findings will apply.

1. Has ODHS ensured that appropriate services are in place to safeguard the safety, health, and well-being of the child?

If the child/youth is present, they are usually invited to speak first.

Parents may be asked to describe their child’s personality and interests (if the child/youth is not present).

The board is interested in hearing any updates and needs related to the child’s:

- Placement
- Supervision (including caseworker contact)
- Mental Health/Therapeutic Supports
- Physical Health/Medical
- Family Time/Visitation
- Education/Development
- Social/Cultural
- Planning for Transition to Adulthood (age 14+)

2. Has ODHS taken appropriate steps to ensure that 1) the substitute care provider is following the reasonable and prudent parent standard, and 2) the child has regular, ongoing opportunities to engage in age appropriate or developmentally appropriate activities?

This finding only applies when the youth is 16 or older AND the permanency plan is APPLA.

What are the youth’s activities/interests? Are there any barriers?

3. Has ODHS made diligent efforts to place the child with a relative or a person who has a caregiver relationship?

This finding is not applicable when the child is placed with a parent.

Is the child placed with a relative? If not, what efforts have been made to locate relatives?

Are siblings placed together?

4. Has ODHS made reasonable efforts (or active efforts if ICWA applies) to provide services to make it possible for the child to safely return home and to finalize the permanency plan of reunification?

This finding only applies if the permanency plan is reunification.

What has ODHS provided/offered to each parent?

Were services/referrals timely?

Is there a current Action Agreement or Letter of Expectations for each parent?

Was a Family Engagement Meeting held within 60 days of the child entering foster care?

Do the parents need any additional support or assistance?

Additional finding that may be discussed at the first review: Did ODHS make reasonable efforts (or active efforts if ICWA applies) to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child from the home?

5. Has ODHS made reasonable efforts in accordance with the case plan to place the child in a timely manner and to complete the steps necessary to finalize the permanent placement?

This finding only applies if the permanency plan is not reunification.

What efforts has ODHS made in the last 6 months to finalize the permanency plan?
If APPLA, have all available supports been provided to the youth?

If ICWA applies: Has ODHS made active efforts to place the Indian child in a timely manner in accordance with the placement preferences?

6. Is the parent making sufficient progress to make it possible for the child to safely return home within a reasonable time?

This finding only applies if the permanency plan is reunification. Progress is determined separately for each parent and measured within court ordered timelines.

What has each parent done to address jurisdictional issues?
Is the parent engaged in required services and demonstrating progress?
At the current rate of progress, can reunification still be achieved within a reasonable timeline?

7. Has ODHS made sufficient efforts in developing the concurrent permanency plan?

This finding only applies when the permanency plan is reunification.

Not applicable when the child is placed with a parent.

What is the back-up plan if the child cannot be safely reunified?
Have permanent placement resources been identified?
What steps have been made to develop the concurrent plan?

If ICWA applies and the child is placed in a home outside of placement preferences:

Has ODHS continued to maintain the relationship of the Indian child with potential permanent placement preferences? If not, has ODHS continued to search for a permanent placement that complies with the placement preferences?

8. Is ODHS in compliance with the case plan and court orders?

Has ODHS complied with court orders and followed policy requirements (including monthly face to face contacts)?
Did ODHS comply with prior CRB recommendations (if applicable)?

9. Is the permanency plan the most appropriate plan for the child?

What plan best meets the child's needs?
Is the current court ordered plan still achievable?

10. Is there a continuing need for placement?

This finding is not applicable when the child is placed with a parent.

If the plan is reunification, what are the remaining barriers to an in-home plan?
Have conditions for return been met? (optional): Likely date to leave care?
If adoption/guardianship, what is the estimated date for finalization?

Additional Findings and Recommendations:

CONCLUSION: The board will make recommendations and read a closing statement. A report of the findings and recommendations will be sent to the judge, ODHS, and legal parties. THANK YOU for attending!