

Checklist of contents for social worker's report when DSS recommends removal:

Discussion of reasonable efforts to prevent or eliminate removal of the child from the home and plans for visitation and reunification [CRC 5.690(a)(1)(B)(i)];

Whether reunification services will be provided [see WIC §361.5(c); CRC 5.695(f)(6)–(7)];

Whether DSS considered and offered child protective services to qualified parents [WIC §358.1(a); see WIC §16500 et seq.];

What plan will be considered for return of the child or for achieving legal permanence if reunification efforts fail [WIC §358.1(b); CRC 5.690(a)(1)(B)(ii)];

If DSS recommends guardianship, a guardianship assessment [CRC 5.690(a)(1)(A); see WIC §360(a)];

A statement that each parent was advised that he or she may participate in adoption planning and may voluntarily relinquish the child [WIC §358.1(g); CRC 5.690(a)(1)(B)(iii)];

A statement why reunification services should not be provided if DSS alleges that WIC §361.5(b) applies [CRC 5.690(a)(1)(C)];

Whether visitation with grandparents is in the child's best interests [WIC §358.1(c); see CRC 5.695(a)(7)(C), 5.620(c)];

The nature of any sibling relationship, whether it is appropriate to maintain the relationship, and the impact of the relationship on placement and permanency planning [WIC §358.1(d)];

Whether the parent's or guardian's right to make educational decisions for the child should be limited [WIC §358.1(e)];

Whether the child appears to be eligible to be freed from parental custody and control [WIC §358.1(f)];

The appropriateness of placement with a relative [WIC §358.1(h); see WIC §361.3];

Whether a caregiver is willing to provide legal permanency if reunification is unsuccessful [WIC 358.1(i)]; and

For an Indian child, in consultation with the child's tribe, whether tribal customary adoption is an appropriate plan if reunification is unsuccessful. [WIC §358.1(j)].