

## STATUS HEARING

Role	Name	Attorney
Child		
Father		
Mother		
GAL		
Dept		

### Before the Hearing:

- Roll call - confirm that everyone has been served, counsel appointed, interpreter present if necessary
- If someone has not been served, make findings as to whether the department has exercised due diligence to locate him/her, and whether every family member before the court has furnished all available information necessary to locate the absent party. 263.202
- Ask whether any other person is entitled to have an attorney ad litem appointed under Ch. 107 and appoint if necessary. 263.203
- Confirm that parents have completed indigency paperwork. 263.0061(b)
- Inform each parent: you have the right to be represented by an attorney, and if you are indigent, you have the right to a court-appointed attorney. 263.0061
- Inform each parent: your parental and custodial rights and duties may be subject to restriction or to termination unless you are willing and able to provide the child with a safe environment. 263.006
- Confirm that each parent, alleged father, or relative of the child before the court has submitted a child placement resources form. 263.201(c)
- If a child placement resources form (§261.307(a)(2)) has not been submitted, require each parent, alleged father, or other person with legal custody to submit a completed form. 263.202(h)

- Ask whether the child has Native American heritage and identify any tribe. 263.202(f-1)

### Hearing:

- Review the child's status and the service plan developed for the child. 263.201(a)
- The status hearing is limited to matters related to the contents and execution of the service plan filed with the court. 263.202(b)
- Ask whether the child's parents have reviewed and understand the plan. 263.202(b)(2)
- Give the parents an opportunity to comment on the service plan. 263.202(g)
- Review the service plan for reasonableness, accuracy, and compliance with requirements of court orders. 263.202(b)
- Identify who has the right to consent for the child's medical care under §266.004. 263.202(e)
- Review the report filed regarding notification of relatives (§263.007) and review the sufficiency of the department's efforts to find each adult described by §262.1095(a) (3<sup>rd</sup> degree consanguinity or designated caregiver). 263.202(f)
- Order the department to make further efforts to find each adult described by §262.1095(a) (3<sup>rd</sup> degree consanguinity or designated caregiver) if the department's efforts have not been sufficient. 263.202(f)

## **After the Hearing:**

- Make findings as to whether:
  - The plan adequately ensures that reasonable efforts are made to enable the child's parents to provide a safe environment for the child. 263.202(b)(1)
  - The plan is reasonably tailored to address any specific issues identified. 263.202(b)(3)
  - The child's parents and the representative of the department have signed the plan. 263.202(b)(4)
- Advise the parents: unless you are willing and able to provide the child with a safe environment, even with the assistance of a service plan, within the reasonable period of time specified in the plan, your parental and custodial duties and rights may be subject to restriction or to termination and the child may not be returned to you. 263.202(b)(2)
- Advise the parties: progress under this service plan will be reviewed at all future hearings, including whether you have improved any skills or knowledge under the plan. 263.203(b)
- Incorporate the service plan into the orders of the court and render additional appropriate orders to implement or require compliance with the plan. 263.202(b-1)