Permanency Planning Indicator

Case Name:	**Form Completion Date:**
Parent or Prior Custodian:	**Social Worker's Name:**
Case Number:	

Section 1 – Strengths

Parent-Child Relationships

1. Parent shows empathy for child
2. Parent responds appropriately to the child's verbal and non-verbal signals
3. Parent has an ability to put the child's needs ahead of his/her own.
4. When they are together, the child shows comfort in the parent's presence.
6. In the past, the parent has met the child's basic physical and emotional needs.
7. Parent accepts some responsibility for the problems that brought the child into care or to the attention of the authorities.

Current Parental Support System

8. Parent has positive, significant relationships with other adults who seem free of overt pathology.
9. Parent has a meaningful support system that can help him/her now (job, counselor, faith based group/network/institution).
10. Extended family is nearby and capable of providing support.

Past Parental Support System

11. Extended family history shows family members able to help appropriately when one member is not functioning well.
12. Relatives came forward to offer help when the child needed placement.
13. Relatives have followed through on commitments in the past.
14. There are significant other adults, not blood relatives, who have helped the family in the past.
15. Significant other adults have followed through on commitments in the past.

Family History

16. Family's ethnic, cultural, or religious background includes and emphasis on mutual caretaking and shard parenting in times of crisis.
17. Parent's own history shows consistency of parental caregiver.
18. Parent's history shows evidence of his/her childhood needs being met adequately.

Parent's Self-Care and Maturity

19. Parent's general health is good.
20. Parent uses medical care for self appropriately.
21. Parent's hygiene and grooming are consistently adequate.
22. Parent has a history of stability in housing.
23. Parent has a solid employment history.
24. Parent has graduated from high school or possesses a GED.
25. Parent has employable skills.

Child's Development

26. Child shows age-appropriate cognitive abilities.
27. Child is able to attend to tasks at an age-appropriate level.
28. Child shows evidence of conscience development.
29. Child has appropriate social skills.
30. Major behavioral problems are absent.

Section 3 - Need for Concurrent Plan

- Concurrent Plan Needed
- Concurrent Plan Not Needed

- The Permanency Planning Indicator is done once, as early in the process as possible, to determine if the child will be placed in a permanency planning resource family.
- Reassessment consists of review of the parent's visitation with the child and progress with the case plan.

Section 2 – Barriers

Catastrophic Prior Abuse

*1. Parent has killed or seriously harmed *another* child through abuse or neglect and no significant change has occurred in the interim.
*2. Parent has repeatedly and with premeditation harmed or tortured *this* child.
*3. Child experienced sexual abuse by a caretaker or entered foster care due to sexual abuse.
4. Child experienced physical abuse in infancy.

Dangerous Lifestyle

5. Parent's only visible support system and only visible means of financial support is found in illegal drugs, prostitution, and street life.
6. Parent is addicted to debilitating illegal drugs or alcohol.
7. Pattern of documented domestic violence between the spouses and they refuse to separate.
8. Parent has a recent history of serious criminal activity and jail.
9. Mother abused drugs/alcohol during pregnancy despite medical evidence to the contrary.

Significant History

*10. Parental rights to another child have been terminated following a period of service delivery to the parent and *no significant change has occurred in the interim.*
11. There have been three or more CPS interventions for serious separate incidents, indicating a chronic pattern of abuse or severe neglect.
12. In addition to emotional trauma, the child has suffered more than one form of abuse, neglect, or sexual abuse.
13. Siblings have been placed in foster care or with relatives for a period of time over six month duration or have had repeated placements with CPS intervention.
14. This child has been abandoned with friends, relatives, hospital, or in foster care; or once the child placed in subsequent care, the parent does not visit of his/her own accord.
15. CPS preventative measures have failed to keep the child with the parent.
16. Parent is under the age of 16 with no parenting support system, and placement of the child and parent together has failed due to parent's behavior.
17. Parent grew up in foster care or group care, or in a family of intergenerational abuse.
18. Parent has asked to relinquish the child on more than one occasion following initial intervention.

Parental Conditions

*19. Parent diagnosed with severe mental illness (psychosis, schizophrenia, borderline personality disorder, sociopathy) which has not responded to previously delivered mental health services.
20. Parent's symptoms continue, rending parent unable to protect and nurture child.
21. Parent has a diagnosis of chronic and debilitating mental or physical illness: psychosis, schizophrenia, borderline personality disorder, sociopathy, brain injury, or other physical illness that responds slowly or not at all to current treatment modalities.
22. Parent is intellectually impaired, has shown significant self-care deficits, and has no support system of relatives able to share parenting

* Extreme conditions making family reunification a low probability.

Adapted from Concurrent Planning: From Permanency Planning to Permanency Action, Katz and Robinson.