

STATUS HEARING

Role	Name	Attorney	Served
Child			
Father			
Mother			
GAL			
Dept			

Before the Hearing:

- Roll call
- Notice given to all persons described in 263.0021(b), including child's caregiver. 263.202(a)
- 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(a)
- Give notice that case will be dismissed at permanency hearing if service not completed
- Attorney appointed for alleged father, publication, or location/identity unknown – check if written statement filed and discharge. 107.0132(d), 107.014(e)
- Ask whether any other person is entitled to have an attorney ad litem appointed under Ch. 107 and appoint if necessary. 263.203(a)
- Confirm that parents have completed and filed 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(a)
- 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
- Ask whether the child has Native American heritage and identify any tribe. 263.202(f-1)
- Confirm that each parent, alleged father, or relative 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 all parties whether the child has had the opportunity to identify any adult who could be a relative or designated caregiver for the child. 263.202(h)(1)
- Ask all parties whether each individual identified by the child as a potential relative or designated caregiver is listed on the proposed child placement resources form. 263.202(h)(2)
- Inform the relative placement of the option to become verified by a licensed child-placing agency to operate an agency foster home and the permanency care assistance program under Chapter 264. 263.202(i)

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 266.003. 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) (3rd degree consanguinity or designated caregiver). 263.202(f)
- Order the department to make further efforts to find each adult described by 262.1095(a) (3rd 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 the service plan will be reviewed at all subsequent hearings, including a review of whether you have acquired or learned any specific skills or knowledge stated in 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)