ACTION: Final

5101:2-37-04 **PCSA requirements for** <u>completion</u><u>of</u><u>completing</u> the reunification assessment.

- (A) The <u>public children services agency (PCSA)</u>PCSA shall complete the JFS 01404 "Comprehensive Assessment and Planning Model - I.S., Reunification Assessment" (rev. 2/2006) when<u>if</u> reunification with the removal family is being considered and the child has been placed out of the home through either a voluntary out-of-home safety plan or a legally authorized out-of-home placement for thirty days or more.
- (B) The public children services agency (PCSA)PCSA shall complete the JFS 01404 to support and document the PCSA's assessment of the family's reunification readiness decision. The decision regarding the family's reunification readiness assessment includes an assessment all of the following:
 - (1) A review of child safety.
 - (2) Information pertaining to the parent, guardian, or custodian's compliance with court orders, if applicable.
 - (3) An update on:
 - (a) Family conditions and dynamics.
 - (b) Family resources, strengths, and protective capacities.
 - (c) Child vulnerability.
 - (4) Interventions necessary to support reunification.
- (C) The PCSA shall complete the JFS 01404 regardless of what circumstance precipitated <u>circumstances precipitating</u> the child's placement out of the home or who or what entity holds custody of the child.
- (D) The PCSA shall complete the JFS 01404:
 - (1) When<u>If</u> the PCSA determines, through the completion of a safety re-assessment, that the child's placement out of the home for thirty <u>days</u> or more days through either a voluntary out-of-home safety plan or a legally authorized out-of-home placement should be modified or discontinued.
 - (2) If the PCSA determines, through the completion of the JFS 01413 "Comprehensive Assessment and Planning Model - I.S., Case Review" (rev.

7/2006), the risk level is reduced to moderate or below; and the child's placement out of the home for thirty days or more, through either a voluntary out-of-home safety plan or a legally authorized out-of-home placement, should be discontinued.

- (2)(3) WithinNo more than thirty days prior to any court hearing where if the PCSA is requesting termination of custody and reunification of the child.
- (3)(4) When reunification is being considered outside the case review process as outlined in rule 5101:2-38-09 of the Administrative Code. Upon receipt of a court order requiring the child to be reunified.
- (5) After a court hearing if the court ordered reunification.
- (6) No more than thirty days prior to reunification.
- (E) The PCSA may complete the JFS 01404 any time the PCSA deems appropriate or the case warrants it, regardless of the number of days the child is placed out of the home through either a voluntary out-of-home safety plan or a legally authorized out-of-home placement.
- (F) The PCSA shall maintain the JFS 01404 in the case record.

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