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PCSA requirements for completing the reunification assessment.

(A) The public children services agency (PCSA) shall complete the JFS 01404 "Comprehensive Assessment ~~and~~ Planning Model - I.S., Reunification Assessment" (rev. 2/2006) to support and document the PCSA's assessment of the family's reunification readiness if 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, regardless of the circumstances precipitating the child's placement out of the home or who holds custody of the child~~if 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 PCSA shall complete the JFS 01404 in accordance with the following:

(1) Prior to the reunification of a child to his removal home if the child has been out of said home for thirty days or more. This applies to both voluntary out-of-home safety plans and legally authorized out-of-home placement.

(2) The risk level is reduced to moderate or below.

(3) During the completion of the JFS 01412 "Comprehensive Assessment and Planning Model - I.S., Semiannual Administrative Review" (rev. 9/2012) pursuant to rule 5101:2-38-10 of the Ohio Administrative Code for a child placed out of his home for thirty days or more if any one of the following apply:

(a) An out-of-home safety plan has been implemented.

(b) The case plan goal and services are to support reunification of the child to the removal home.

(c) A legally authorized out-of-home safety plan has been implemented.

(d) Parental rights have not been terminated.

(4) No more than sixty days prior to any court hearing for a child in the PCSA's temporary custody.

~~(B)~~(C) The PCSA shall complete the JFS 01404 to support and document the PCSA's assessment of the family's reunification readiness. The decision regarding the family's reunification readiness includes an assessment 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)~~(D) The PCSA shall complete the JFS 01404 regardless of circumstances precipitating 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) If the PCSA determines, through the completion of a safety re-assessment, 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) 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.~~
 - ~~(3) No more than thirty days prior to any court hearing if the PCSA is requesting termination of custody and reunification of the child.~~
 - ~~(4) 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)~~(E) The PCSA shall maintain the JFS 01404 in the case record and record in the statewide automated child welfare information system (SACWIS).

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