

5101:2-37-04

**PCSA requirements for completion of the reunification assessment.**

(A) The PCSA shall complete the JFS 01404 "Comprehensive Assessment and Planning Model - I.S., Reunification Assessment" (rev. 2/2006) when 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) shall complete the JFS 01404 to support and document the family's reunification readiness decision. The reunification readiness assessment includes 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 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 the PCSA determines, through the completion of a safety re-assessment, that the child's placement out of the home for thirty 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) Within thirty days prior to any court hearing where the PCSA is requesting termination of custody and reunification of the child.

(3) When reunification is being considered outside the case review process as outlined in rule 5101:2-38-09 of the Administrative Code.

(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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