Local Juvenile Court Rule 3.7
DISPOSITION HEARING

(A) Generally. After a child is agreed to be dependent or found by the court to be dependent, a hearing shall be held to address disposition issues, including but not limited to, placement of the child, visitation, and services to be provided to the family during the course of the dependency. A social study, (Individual Service and Safety Plan), consisting of a written evaluation of matters relevant to the disposition of the case shall be made. The study shall include all social records and shall be made available to the court.

(B) Contents. All social study (ISSP) and predisposition reports will address the factors listed in RCW 13.34.120.

(C) Times. All dispositional hearings will be held immediately following the fact-finding hearing unless there is good cause to continue the matter for up to fourteen days. The Court may continue the dispositional hearing longer than fourteen days if there is good cause shown.

1. Reports including the agency's social study and proposed service plan (ISSP) shall be provided and/or mailed to the court, the parties, and counsel no later than ten (10) working days prior to the dispositional hearing.

2. Parties and other respondents shall provide written responses, accompanied by supporting documentation to all matters contained in the ISSP, GAL reports and filed motions of which they have substantial disagreement no later than nine (9:00) o'clock a.m. one court day prior to the review or disposition hearing. Failure to file a written response will not be considered good cause for a continuance.

(D) Initial Review Hearing. The initial review hearing shall be held no later than six (6) months from the initial out of home placement or no more than ninety days from the entry of the disposition order, whichever comes first. The court shall schedule the initial review hearing at the time of the dispositional hearing.

(E) Review Hearing. The court shall schedule a review hearing at the time of the dispositional hearing.

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