

**Superior Court of Washington**  
**County of \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Juvenile Court**

Dependency of:

D.O.B.:

**No:**

**Shelter Care Hearing Order (SCOR)**

- Agreed as to  mother  father  other
- Contested as to  mother  father  other
- Default as to  mother  father  other

Clerk's Action Required. Para. 3.5 (EDL), 3.9

The parties shall:

Hold a case conference/\_\_\_\_\_:

On: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

At: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Not hold a case conference at this time because the parent  did not appear at shelter care  did not want to participate.

The court shall:

Conduct a \_\_\_\_\_ hearing:

On: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

At: \_\_\_\_\_ Court, Room/Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**I. Hearing**

1.1 **Petition:** A dependency petition was filed in this matter on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ by  DCYF  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

The child was removed from the parents' care on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ by  court order  protective custody  hospital/doctor hold  voluntary placement agreement. The court held a shelter care hearing on this date or on (date) \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1.2 **Appearance:** The following persons appeared at the hearing:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Child   | <input type="checkbox"/> Child's Lawyer                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mother's Lawyer                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Father  | <input type="checkbox"/> Father's Lawyer                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alleged Father _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> Alleged Father _____                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian or Legal Custodian   | <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian's or Legal Custodian's Lawyer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child's GAL/CASA  | <input type="checkbox"/> GAL's Lawyer                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DCYF Worker   | <input type="checkbox"/> DCYF's Lawyer                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Representative   | <input type="checkbox"/> Current Caregiver                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interpreter for <input type="checkbox"/> mother <input type="checkbox"/> father | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (name) _____  |   |

- 1.3 **Basis:** The court considered the dependency petition, declarations, testimony, if any, and the relevant court records.
- The child is 12 years old or older and the court made the inquiry required by RCW 13.34.100(6).

## II. Findings

- 2.1 **Notice:** The petitioner gave adequate notice as required under RCW 13.34.062 to the  mother  father  child if age 12 or older  guardian  legal custodian  other: \_\_\_\_\_

The petitioner  has  has not made reasonable efforts to provide notice to the  mother  father  child  guardian  legal custodian  other: \_\_\_\_\_ and to inform them of their rights.

- 2.2 **Child's Indian Status:** The court asked each participant on the record whether the participant knows or has reason to know that the child is an Indian child.

The petitioner  has  has not made a good faith effort to determine whether the child is an Indian Child.

- Based upon the following, there is not a reason to know the child is an Indian child as defined in RCW 13.38.040 and 25 U.S.C. § 1903(4), and the Federal and Washington State Indian Child Welfare Acts do not apply to this proceeding:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- Based upon the following information currently available to the court, there is reason to know the child is an Indian child as defined in RCW 13.38.040 and 25 U.S.C. § 1903(4), and the Federal and Washington State Indian Child Welfare Acts do apply to this proceeding, unless and until it is determined on the record that the child does not meet the definition of an Indian child:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- Based upon the following, the child is an Indian child as defined in RCW 13.38.040 and 25 U.S.C. § 1903(4), and the Federal and Washington State Indian Child Welfare Acts do apply to this proceeding:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

The petitioner  has  has not made preliminary efforts to notify all tribes to which the petitioner or court knows or has reason to know the child may be a member or eligible for membership of this proceeding.

2.3 **Rights:** The parties present at the hearing were informed of their rights pursuant to RCW 13.34.065 and 13.34.090.

2.4 **Waiver of Shelter Care Hearing:** The  mother  father  guardian  legal custodian requested a waiver of the shelter care hearing. The court determined that the parent, guardian, or legal custodian  was  was not represented by an attorney and the waiver of the shelter care hearing was knowing and voluntary.

2.5 **Shelter Care Factors:**

The court considered the following factors:

- (a) What services DCYF provided to the family to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child from the child's home.  
 If lack of suitable housing was a significant factor in removal of the child, whether DCYF provided housing assistance to the family.
- (b) Whether the child can be safely returned to the home pending the dependency fact-finding hearing.
- (c) Whether restraining orders or orders excluding an allegedly abusive household member from the house of a nonabusive parent, guardian, or legal custodian, will allow the child to safely remain in the home.
- (d) What efforts DCYF made to place the child with a relative or other suitable person known to the child and with whom the child has a relationship. The court inquired whether DCYF has discussed this issue with the parents.
- (e) Whether the placement proposed by DCYF is the least disruptive and most family-like setting that meets the needs of the child.
- (f) Appointment of an attorney or guardian *ad litem* for the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian, or for the child.
- (g) The terms and conditions for parental, sibling, and family visits.

2.6 **Reasonable Efforts:**

Petitioner  has  has not made reasonable efforts to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child from the child's home for the reasons set forth in the dependency petition, supporting declarations and affidavits, and the testimony presented to the court.  
 This finding is also based on the following:

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Specific services offered or provided to the parent(s) have been unable to remedy the unsafe conditions in the home and make it possible for the child to return home; and

The risk of imminent harm to the child as assessed by petitioner establishes reasonable cause for the continued out-of-home placement of the child pending the fact finding hearing;

The child has no parent, guardian, or legal custodian to provide supervision and care for such child;

- The release of such child would present a serious threat of substantial harm to such child, notwithstanding an order entered pursuant to RCW 26.44.063;
  - The parent, guardian, or custodian to whom the child could be released has been charged with violating RCW 9A.40.060 or 9A.40.070.
- DCYF did **not** make reasonable efforts to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child from the child's home.
- This finding is based on the following:

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**2.7 Shelter Care:**

- The court does not find reasonable cause to believe that shelter care is needed.
- It is currently contrary to the welfare of the child to remain in or return home. The child is in need of shelter care because there is reasonable cause to believe:
  - The child has no parent, guardian, or legal custodian to provide supervision or care for such child; and/or
  - The release of the child would present a serious threat of substantial harm to the child; and/or
  - The parent, guardian or custodian to whom the child could be released is alleged to have violated RCW 9A.40.060 or 9A.40.070.
- The child is or there is reason to know the child is an Indian child as defined in RCW 13.38.040 and 25 U.S.C. § 1903(4). The child is in need of shelter care to prevent imminent physical damage or harm to the child.

**2.8 Placement:**

- A  relative or  suitable person is available or willing to care for the child and to meet any special needs of the child or to facilitate the child's visitation with siblings.
  - Placement with the relative or other suitable person is in the child's best interests.
  - DCYF needs to further investigate the character and suitability of the proposed relative or other suitable person to determine if the placement is in the child's best interests.
  - Placement with the relative or other suitable person is not in the child's best interests as there is reasonable cause to believe that placement of the child with the relative or suitable person would  jeopardize the health, safety or welfare of the child  hinder efforts to reunite the parent and child.
- A  relative or  suitable person is not available or willing to care for the child and to meet any special needs of the child or to facilitate the child's visitation with siblings.
- DCYF made the following efforts toward placement with a relative or other suitable person:

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2.9 **Restraining Order:**

The court finds reasonable cause to believe that an incident of sexual or physical abuse has occurred and that a restraining order is necessary pursuant to RCW 26.44.063(2).

A restraining order  has been  shall be entered pursuant RCW 26.44.063 and shall be incorporated by reference into this order. Placement of the child with (name) \_\_\_\_\_ shall be contingent on continued compliance with the terms of the restraining order.

2.10 **Services:**

The court inquired into whether the child, the parent or parent(s), or the legal guardian requires examinations, evaluations, or immediate services. The court also inquired into whether the parent(s) agree(s) to any recommended services, and the parent(s) agree(s) to participate in the services listed in the Order.

The Department recommends the following examinations, evaluations, or immediate services for the child:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The child is 12 or older and  agrees to the services  was notified of the services  was notified that he/she may request an attorney.

2.11 **Education status:**

The child is not of school age.

The court considered whether it is in the best interest of the child to remain enrolled in the (name of school, developmental program, or child care) \_\_\_\_\_ the child was in prior to placement and what efforts have been made to maintain the child in the school, program, or child care if it would be in the best interest of the child to remain in the same school, program, or child care.

The child should not remain enrolled in the child's present school, developmental program, or child care and the reasons for the transfer to a new school, developmental program, or child care are:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

DCYF should enroll the child in school, developmental program, or child care immediately and within seven school days and request transfer of records.

DCYF is responsible for coordinating the student's educational information.

The child meets the criteria for appointment of an educational liaison. DCYF recommends that the court appoint (name) \_\_\_\_\_ as the child's educational liaison.

The parents are not able to serve as the educational liaison because:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2.12 **Parental Cooperation:**

- It is in the child's best interest for the parent to cooperate with DCYF and provide a current address and phone number to the social worker at all times. Within two weeks of the entry of this order, the parents should provide additional information necessary for placement and notice purposes including:
  - (a) The names, addresses, and phone number of any relatives or other suitable persons who may be placement resources for the child.
  - (b) The names, addresses, phone numbers and other identifying information of any alleged parent(s) of the child.
  - (c) Any known information regarding possible membership in or descent from an Indian tribe.
  - (d) Information necessary to determine financial eligibility for services or foster care.

2.13 **Release of Information:**

- It is in the child's best interest for DCYF, attorney for DCYF, parent's attorney, the guardian ad litem and the attorney for the child to receive all records and all reports related to services completed by the parents.

2.14  **Other:**

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**III. Order**

3.1 **Placement:**

- The child is released to the child's parent, guardian or legal custodian:
  - Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_
  - Address: \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
 Subject to the following conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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- The child is placed in or shall remain in shelter care, in the temporary custody and under the supervision of DCYF, which shall have the authority to place the child in:
  - Licensed foster care.
  - Relative placement with (name). \_\_\_\_\_
  - Placement with a suitable person: (name) \_\_\_\_\_.

Placement with the relative or suitable person is contingent upon the caregiver's cooperation with the DCYF case plan and compliance with this, and all subsequent court orders related to the care and supervision of the child, including but not limited to parent-child contact, sibling contacts, and any other conditions imposed by the court.

Placement conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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DCYF shall continue to make reasonable efforts to locate and investigate an appropriate relative or other suitable person who is available and willing to care for the child, and is authorized to share information with potential relative or other suitable person placement resources as necessary to determine their suitability and willingness as a placement for the child.

DCYF shall have authority to place the child with an appropriate relative with prior reasonable notice to the parties, subject to review by the court.

3.2 **Visitation:** DCYF shall provide visits between the child and parent, guardian, or legal custodian as follows:

Per visitation attachment.

As follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If siblings are not placed together, DCYF shall provide sibling visits or contact as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Visitation may be expanded upon agreement of the parties.

3.3 **Attorney/GAL Appointments:** Attorney and guardian *ad litem* appointments are as follows:

attorney  guardian *ad litem* for (name)\_\_\_\_\_.

attorney  guardian *ad litem* for (name)\_\_\_\_\_.

attorney  guardian *ad litem* for (name)\_\_\_\_\_.

attorney  guardian *ad litem* for (name)\_\_\_\_\_.

3.4 **Services:**

DCYF shall offer or provide and the parent/guardian/custodian shall participate in the following agreed upon examinations, evaluations, or immediate services:

The mother shall participate in the following:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The father shall participate in the following:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The alleged father (name) \_\_\_\_\_ shall participate in the following:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The guardian/legal custodian shall participate in the following:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- DCYF shall provide and the child shall participate in the following examinations, evaluations, or immediate services:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- Per attached service plan.

- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**3.5 Education:**

- DCYF or its designee shall immediately and within seven school days timely enroll the child in school and request transfer of records.
- DCYF or its designee shall provide the child's school with a certified copy of the Order and Authorization Re Health Care and Education.
- (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ is appointed as the child's educational liaison to carry out the responsibilities described in RCW 13.34.046. The educational liaison must complete criminal background checks required by DCYF.

**3.6 Paternity:**

- The alleged father(s) \_\_\_\_\_ shall cooperate in the establishment of paternity and shall complete all interviews, paperwork, and genetic testing within \_\_\_\_\_ days of the entry of this order.
- The mother shall cooperate in the establishment of paternity and shall complete all interviews, paperwork, and genetic testing within \_\_\_\_\_ days of the entry of this order.
- The child shall be made available for genetic testing.
- If paternity has not been established regarding the child, the court authorizes the \_\_\_\_\_ County Prosecutor's Office to proceed in the \_\_\_\_\_ County Superior Court, Family Law Division, on the issue of paternity, current and past child support, and costs.

**3.7 Release of Information:**

Parents shall sign all necessary releases to allow DCYF to comply with all federal and state relative search requirements.

**3.8 General:**

DCYF shall have the right to access, inspect, and copy all records pertaining to the above-named child, including but not limited to health, medical, mental health and educational records.

DCYF may authorize evaluations of the child's physical or emotional condition, routine medical and dental examination and care, and all necessary emergency care.

DCYF shall make reasonable efforts to advise the child's  mother  father  legal guardian or custodian of the status of this case, including the date and time of the hearing(s) scheduled below and their rights under RCW 13.34.090.

**3.9 Restraining Order:**

- The court signed a separate restraining order on this date.
- The restraining order entered pursuant to RCW 26.44.063 is incorporated into this order.



Placement of the child with \_\_\_\_\_ is contingent on continued compliance with the terms of this restraining order. Failure to comply with any and all terms of this order may result in removal of the child.

The person having physical custody of the child has an affirmative duty to assist in the enforcement of this restraining order and to notify law enforcement, DCYF, and the court as necessary to request assistance and/or report violations of the order.

**3.10 Child's Indian Status:**

Any party who subsequently receives information that provides a reason to know the child is an Indian child under 25 C.F.R. § 23.107 shall inform the court.

3.11 All parties shall appear at the next scheduled hearing (see page one).

3.12 Other:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Judge/Commissioner**

Presented by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name/Title WSBA No.

Copy Received. Approved for entry, notice of presentation waived.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of **Child**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Child's Lawyer

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Print Name WSBA No.

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 Signature of **Mother**  
 Pro Se, Advised of Right to Counsel

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 Signature of Mother's Lawyer

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Print Name WSBA No.

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 Signature of **Father**  
 Pro Se, Advised of Right to Counsel

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 Signature of Father's Lawyer

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Print Name WSBA No.

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 Signature of **Guardian or Legal Custodian**  
 Pro Se, Advised of Right to Counsel

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 Signature of Guardian or Legal Custodian's Lawyer

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Print Name WSBA No.

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 Signature of Child's **GAL**

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 Signature of Lawyer for the Child's GAL

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

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Print Name WSBA No.

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Signature of **DCYF Representative**

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Signature of DCYF Representative's Lawyer

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Print Name

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Print Name WSBA No.

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 Signature of **Tribal Representative**

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 Signature

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Print Name

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Print Name WSBA No.  
Lawyer for \_\_\_\_\_