Permanency Goal Comparisons

Instructions: Review the materials provided and complete the row in the chart for your assigned goal.

Goal	Condition(s) for Finalization	Custody Status at Finalization	Agency Case Status	Parental Rights	Source of Financial Support
Return to Parent	Demonstrated progress toward enhancement of diminished protective capacities;	Parent	Open or closed	Per court order.	Parents are responsible.
	Change or adjustment to circumstances that created the threats; or				
	Implementation of in-home safety plan is possible; and				
	Any conditions set for return have been met.				
Adoption	Return home is not best suited. Termination of parental rights. Child 12 or older consents to adoption. Adoptive family is formally approved after home study.	Adoptive parents	Closed	None. However, in cases where there is a post-adoption agreement for continuing contact endorsed by the court, biological parents may maintain contact identified in the agreement.	Adoptive parents are responsible. Adoption assistance may be available from the CCYA.
Permanent Legal Custody	Return home and adoption are not best suited and a compelling reason that is thoroughly documented. Child must be dependent.	Custodian subject to conditions and limitations and to the	Closed	Visitation per court order To petition the court for custody; and To pass on property to the child.	Custodian is responsible. Child support from parents and/or subsidy from the

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	A 12 year old or older child has refused adoption, he/she must have received adoption counseling (Child Preparation). Been in care for six months. Lived with legal custodian candidate for six months. Had at least one prior permanency hearing. Parents cannot or will not remedy condition (s) that lead to removal. Legal custodian must be informed of the option to receive a subsidy and of the availability of Post Permanency services. If the legal custodianship is subsidized, the legal custodian must be advised of their ability to name a successor legal custodian.	remaining rights and duties of the parents or guardian of the child as determined by the court.			CCYA may be available
Fit and Willing Relative	Return home, adoption, and PLC are not best suited. Child must be dependent. In legal custody of CCYA; Placed with an approved kinship caregiver;	CCYA	Open	Visitation per court order; Involvement in ongoing case planning; To petition the court for custody; and	Kinship caregiver is responsible with support of foster care maintenance payments. Parents support foster care maintenance payments through

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	All other kin must be ruled out. Kinship placement must be planned and permanent in nature.			To pass on property to the child.	child support payments.
APPLA	Compelling reason why return home, adoption, PLC, and Fit and Willing Relative are not best suited. Agency must show intensive, ongoing, and unsuccessful efforts (including search technology) for goals of return home, adoption, PLC, and Fit and Willing Relative. Child must be dependent. Placed with an approved care giver who meets foster caregiver requirements. Placement must be planned and permanent in nature. Must be at least 16 years of age or older. Agency must identify or show efforts to identify a significant adult connection. Court must ask child directly about desired permanency goal.	CCYA	Open	Visitation per court order; Involvement in ongoing case planning; To petition the court for custody; and To pass on property to the child.	Caregiver is responsible with support of foster care maintenance payments. Parents support foster care maintenance payments through child support payments.