

Permanency Committees

Background Notes

Checks and balances are an important part of child welfare work. Because of the fragile nature of relationships between children and adults, consultation ensures best interest decisions are being made for children in planning. In Oregon there is a committee that reviews permanency plans for children. That committee is called a Permanency Committee. These committees assist in determining what permanency plan is most appropriate for individual children and families.

Tasks / Assignments:

- Review [Division 110](#) rules regarding the Legal Permanency, Concurrent Planning, and Use of Permanency Committee, Sibling Adoption Placement Planning and [Division 120](#) rules regarding Identification and Consideration of Potential Adoptive Resources.
- Attend a Permanency Committee that is considering sibling planning.
- Sit with an experienced worker who is preparing for a Permanency Committee and attend a couple of Permanency Committees in which different plans are being considered.

Resources:

Division 110:

[http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual 1/division 110.pdf](http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual%201/division%20110.pdf)

Division 120:

[http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual 1/division 120.pdf](http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual%201/division%20120.pdf)

Discoveries:

- *What types of decisions are made by Permanency Committees?*
- *Was the committee process helpful to the caseworker who presented?*
- *What are the considerations in regard to sibling planning?*
- *What does a worker need to do to prepare for a Permanency Committee?*
- *What paperwork is required and what materials do the committee members to assist in their decision making?*
- *What is the priority for consideration in adoption resources?*