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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**ATTENTION: COUNTY DIRECTORS, CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM MANAGERS,
SUPERVISORS AND CHILD WELFARE WORKERS**

**SUBJECT: MODEL COURT REPORTS FOR DISPOSITIONAL AND REVIEW
PERMANENCY PLANNING AND POST ADOPTION TERMINATION OF
PARENTAL RIGHTS HEARINGS**

This letter is to inform counties of the availability online of "model court reports" for Dispositional and Review, Permanency Planning and Post Termination of Parental Rights Hearings. These model court reports represent the minimum requirements of information that should be provided to judges at these specific hearings. Counties may use their own format or alter these forms as they desire, provided that all of the required elements of information are included and presented to the judge.

These model court reports were developed by a work group consisting of county DSS staff, juvenile court judges, DSS attorneys, GAL attorneys, parent attorneys and court system staff. The development of model court reports is intended to strengthen our practice and is a part of our Program Improvement Plan resulting from the CFSR.

If you have any questions or concerns about this information, please feel free to contact Thomas Smith of the Foster Care and Adoption Policy Team at 919-334-1089 or at thomas.smith@ncmail.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charisse S. Johnson".

Charisse Johnson, Chief
Child Welfare Services Section

Attachments:

[DSS-5310](#) Model Court Report for Dispositional and Review Hearings

[DSS-5311](#) Model Court Report for Permanency Planning Hearings

[DSS-5312](#) Model Court Report for Post Termination of Parental Rights Hearings

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