

**District Permanency Collaborative  
Quarterly Documentation Tool  
Coordination**

**District 7 Edgecombe, Nash, Wilson**

**1. Who serves on the local team (mark all that apply)?**

- Judge
- Attorney for parent
- Attorney for county child welfare agency
- Attorney for GAL Program
- County child welfare agency director
- County child welfare agency employee
- Foster parent
- Relative caretaker
- GAL staff GAL volunteer
- Clerk of Court Parent
- Other(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Was a committee meeting held this quarter?**

**Date of Meeting: 11-20-20**

Yes

a. Who attended the meeting (mark all that apply)?

- Judge
- Attorney for parent
- Attorney for county child welfare agency
- Attorney for GAL Program
- County child welfare agency director
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- Foster parent
- Relative caretaker

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- GAL staff
- GAL volunteer
- Clerk of Court
- Parent
- Other(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- No

**If no, describe the barriers to holding this quarter's permanency collaboration meeting. If barriers were identified, describe possible strategies for overcoming them for future meetings.**

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Permanency Performance Action Plan**

**1. What is the identified priority for your district?**

- Notice to resource parents
- Timely establishment of case goals
- Concurrent planning
- Permanency
- Timely TPR actions
- X Other

1. Juvenile courts are experiencing a lack of parent attorneys. Parents are hiring outside attorneys who are not familiar with the juvenile court rules and this causes delays in the juvenile proceedings. Need to find more attorneys who are willing to participate in juvenile proceedings.
2. Nash and Edgecombe County courts are not equipped to hold hearing via Webex.

**2. Describe how your District Permanency Collaborative is addressing this priority.**

Judge Farris will send out an email to all local attorneys requesting they review the juvenile court rules prior to participating in a juvenile proceeding.

Judge Farris will send out an email to the bar association and local law firms encouraging participation in juvenile proceedings.

Judge Farris will explore with the Clerk in Wilson County about COVID funding for the courthouse with the understanding it is up to the clerk to make the decision to obtain the funding.

**3. What new tasks and/or approaches were identified to address?**

Please see above actions.

**4. What successes have been achieved in addressing the identified priority?**

Nash County has the ability to use Webex.

**5. What barriers and/or challenges to addressing your identified priority were recorded?**

Cooperation with the Clerks of Court, ability of the courthouses to physically support the technology.

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6. What roles and responsibilities were assigned as a part of your collaborative work?

See number 2

7. What challenges/experiences did the group face in assigning roles & responsibilities?

None

8. Describe any changes made this quarter that affect the Permanency Performance Action Plan.

None

9. Did you encounter any challenges in populating your Permanency Performance Profile this quarter? (The Profile must be attached to this tool upon submission.)

- No
- Yes Please describe.

10. Does your District Permanency Collaborative have a signed MOA?

- No
- Yes      Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Please provide any other information you think the North Carolina Division of Social Services and/or North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts should know. Include ways that NC DSS & AOC can support your district's efforts.

Encourage local Clerks of Court to explore the existing technology to support the movement of cases during this pandemic. While we recognize some of the physical structures are old exploring this technology will help to include incarcerated parents more effectively in permanency hearings.