

Long-Term Permanency Placement Agreement

This agreement is between _____, caregivers, and the Iowa Department of Human Services or Juvenile Court Services concerning placement of the child _____, born _____, for permanency placement care. This agreement is effective _____ and continues in force until the placement is ended or until a new agreement is signed.

The goal of a planned permanent living arrangement refers to a situation in which the transfer of legal custody of a child to a relative for adoption is not in the child's best interest. (45 CFR 1356.21) The Department maintains supervision of the child, care and custody responsibilities, and places the child in a setting in which the child is expected to remain until adulthood.

A plan for long-term foster care must serve the child's best interest and the court may order a child into long-term foster care only when the following conditions are met:

- The court must find there are compelling reasons why adoption or transfer of permanent legal and physical custody are not in the child's best interest, and
- The child has reached the age of 12 years and reasonable efforts to locate an adoptive home or permanent home with a relative have not been successful, or
- The child is a sibling of a child age 12 or older who is ordered into long-term foster care and the siblings have a significant, positive relationship, and are ordered into the same long-term foster care home.

Check the child's planned permanent living arrangement goal below that most closely reflects the one in the case file:

- Emancipation or independence: Child is expected to remain in existing placement until the child reaches the age of majority. Usually when this type of goal is specified, the child is age 16 or older, but that is not always the case.
- Long-term foster care placement with a non-relative or non-relative foster parent.
- Long-term foster care placement with a specified relative.
- Placement in a group foster care placement or residential facility until transition to an adult care facility.
- Other (specify): _____

The long-term care status of a child can be changed at any time by a person or the Department who makes a motion to the court:

- To reunify the child with a parent, or
- Transfer permanent legal and physical custody, or
- Termination of parental rights so the child can be adopted.

I agree to provide care for this child until the child reaches adulthood.

Caregivers

Date

DHS Caseworker Supervisor or JCO Supervisor

Date