

Factors to Consider for Placement

The child

- Age
- Sex
- Culture and race of the child
- Physical health
- Mental health
- Behavior
- Cognitive functioning
- Any placement history

Fit parent for placement

- Non-offending parent, entitled to physical custody
- Background check
 - CA/N
 - Criminal
 - Walk through of the house
- Relationship of the parent and the child

Siblings

- Removed together
- Lived together
- Sibling adopted
- Relationship between the siblings
- Need for sibling separation
 - How is it contrary to the safety or wellbeing of any of the siblings to be separated?

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- Tribal placement preferences

The Relative(s):

[grandparents get preference over other relatives]

- background checks
 - CA/N check
 - Criminal history
 - Walk through of house
- location of the relative
 - proximity to child's parents
 - in city
 - in county
 - in school district
 - adjacent school district
 - in state
 - out of state
- relationship between the child and the relatives
- enough space in the relative's home for the child
- is the relative equipped to care for the child
 - special needs child (handicapped)
 - financially able to care for the child
 - ability to transport child
 - school
 - appointments
 - visitations
 - other services
 - able to meet the child's educational needs
 - can the child remain in the same school
- the relative's relationship with the parents
 - able to set boundaries with the parents
 - able to foster reunification with the parents
 - supervise visits
 - transport for visits
 - if this placement would hinder reunification efforts, what is the factual basis
- relative's commitment level to the child
 - child's future needs
 - serious mental health
 - child born drug exposed - developmental needs
 - long term care and safety of the child
 - relative's willingness to access community resources for the child
 - willingness to facilitate sibling visits and contacts
 - ability to seek and follow through with services
 - to keep the child in the same school
- out of state placement issues