

**GEORGIA Division of Family and Children Services
CONCURRENT PLANNING ASSESSMENT GUIDE**

DATE:	CHILD:	PARENT (S)/CAREGIVER(S):	CASE NUMBER:
CPS/FPS SSCM:	CPS SUPERVISOR:	PLC SSCM:	PLC SUPERVISOR:
Is Concurrent Planning Services suitable for this family? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient information to determine			

GUIDELINES: This assessment guide is for use in identifying children in need of concurrent planning. The guide seeks to balance a child's need for permanency with recognition that the parents have the capacity for growth and change, and that reunification efforts continue in earnest. It is expected that some children involved with concurrent planning will reunify. The Guide should be utilized by CPS Assessment and Family Preservation Services when it is determined that a child will be placed in out-of-home-care; and by Permanency Staff, within 30 days of child entering out-of-home-care. **NOTE:** This is a discussion guide that should be utilized to focus discussions between the SSCM and Supervisor. It is also ideal for team decision-making. The guide must be utilized in conjunction with a comprehensive review of all of the family's case information available, including: family interviews/contacts, Family Assessment, Safety and Risk Assessment, Safety and Family Plans, CCFA, FTM documentation, etc.

SECTION I – EARLY REUNIFICATION PROGNOSIS INDICATORS – CONCURRENT PLANNING NOT NEEDED	SECTION II – POOR PROGNOSIS INDICATORS - NEED FOR CONCURRENT PLANNING
<p>Prognosis indicators for early reunification</p> <p>Parent- Child Relationship The parents/s demonstrates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ability to respond to child's cues. <input type="checkbox"/> Empathy for child, balance between own needs and needs of child <input type="checkbox"/> Ability and Willingness to modify parenting <input type="checkbox"/> Ability to accept appropriate responsibility for problems that lead to abuse/neglect <input type="checkbox"/> Having raised the child for a significant period of time and/or bonding is evident <input type="checkbox"/> Ability to meet child's needs (medical, educational, social, cognitive, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of previous effective parenting observed through child's development (age appropriate cognitive & social skills, conscience, development, minimal behavior issues) <input type="checkbox"/> Realistic expectations of child based on development and ability <p>Parental History and Functioning The parent/s demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Stable physical health <input type="checkbox"/> Stable emotional/mental health; any mental illness well-controlled <input type="checkbox"/> Economic stability (employment, housing, and/or ability to live independently) <input type="checkbox"/> Freedom from addiction/s (substances, gambling, violence, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Consistent contact with child (visitation, parenting time, telephone contacts) <input type="checkbox"/> Historical ability to meet child's needs despite impaired mental function <input type="checkbox"/> Problems leading to placement are of recent origin and situational rather than chronic in nature <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence that parent's own childhood had consistent parent/caretaker and that needs were met <p>Support Systems The parent/s demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Positive relationships supportive of safe parenting <input type="checkbox"/> Kin system providing mutual caretaking and shared parenting <input type="checkbox"/> Proximity of support system practical to family needs <input type="checkbox"/> A support system that recognizes strengths and limitation of parents/family <input type="checkbox"/> History of seeking appropriate support from formal or informal systems <p>Note: Concurrent planning services are not appropriate for cases with court ordered non-reunification</p>	<p>Develop alternative permanency plan (alternative placement as appropriate)</p> <p>Parent – Child Relationship Factors Related To Abuse or Neglect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Serious physical abuse, such as burns, fractures, poisoning <input type="checkbox"/> Caretaker sexual abuse of child; prognosis likely to require lengthy foster care <input type="checkbox"/> Diagnosed failure to thrive infant <input type="checkbox"/> Child drug exposed at time of birth (Cocaine, crack heroin, alcohol, prescription drugs, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Child has been victim of more than one form of abuse <input type="checkbox"/> Significant neglect <p>Factors Related to Ambivalence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Previous placement of this child or other children <input type="checkbox"/> Previous consideration of relinquishing this child; previous relinquishments of a child <input type="checkbox"/> Repeated pattern of uncertainty as to desire to parent <input type="checkbox"/> Inconsistent contact with child <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of emotional commitment to child; parent dislikes child due to child's paternity <input type="checkbox"/> Parental mental illness not currently and/or historically well controlled <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/s consistently acknowledge ongoing problems with parenting <input type="checkbox"/> History of abandoning this child or other children <p>Parental History and Functioning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Parents continues to reside with someone dangerous to the child or utilizes inappropriate caregivers <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/s raised in foster care <input type="checkbox"/> Parent is under the age of 18 w/ no parental support and placement of the child and parent together has failed <input type="checkbox"/> Recent or perpetual history of parental criminal involvement <input type="checkbox"/> Documented history of family violence <input type="checkbox"/> Parent has degenerative or terminal illness <input type="checkbox"/> Previous reunification has disrupted <input type="checkbox"/> Intergenerational abuse with lack of historical change in family dynamics <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/s engage in high-risk relationships (drugs, criminal activity, alcohol) <input type="checkbox"/> Progressive signs of family deterioration due to developmental disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Previous intervention and/or treatment plan (CPS, FPS, Mental Health, Family Violence) <input type="checkbox"/> Parents/s restricted in ability to parent due to developmental disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Lifestyles and support system choices place child at risk <input type="checkbox"/> Financial support derived from prostitution, drugs, or other crime <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to respond to multiple forms of treatment/intervention despite acceptable Participation levels