Superior Court for Juvenile Matters at: (address)

Date: (day, month, year)

**SOCIAL STUDY IN SUPPORT OF TERMINATION PETITION or**

**SOCIAL STUDY IN SUPPORT OF COTERMINOUS PETITION**

**[NOTE: DO NOT REPEAT INFORMATION IN MORE THAN ONE SECTION]**

**SECTION A. Demographics**

1. Child/ren for Whom Petition is Filed [List each one separately]

* Name:
* Address:
* Date of Birth:
* Indian Tribe:
* Parentage: Adjudicated / Not Adjudicated

[**Note**: Dates of Birth need to be verified through birth certificates. Please put "verified" next to any date of birth for whom you have a birth certificate.]

2. Parent 1:

* Name:
* Address [or last known address]:
* Date of Birth:
* Prison Identification Number [if applicable]:
* Indian Tribe:

Parent 2:

* Name:
* Address [or last known address]:
* Date of Birth:
* Prison Identification Number [if applicable]:
* Indian Tribe:

3. Minor Sibling(s) for Whom Petition is not Filed [name each separately]:

* Name:
* Address / Current placement:
* Date of Birth:
* Current legal status:

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**SECTION B. Legal History**

1. Reason for termination of parental rights petition: [Summarize concisely the reason for the petition. For example: Mother has unresolved substance abuse issues from which she has failed to rehabilitate.]
2. Reason for initial removal of children: [Provide a clear description of the problems or issues that caused the child to be placed in DCF's care.]
3. Previous history with DCF or any other child welfare agency: [Be very concise. Include dates, what facts were verified (not just allegations) whether the allegations were substantiated or unsubstantiated, case disposition, services offered/referred.]
4. Previous history with Superior Court for Juvenile Matters: [Include dates of all neglect and TPR determinations.]
5. Parentage: [Identify how parentage was established, ie. acknowledgment of paternity, issue of marriage or court order.]
6. Subsequent Reports, Investigations, and New Criminal Charges:[List any new reports, including non-accepted reports alleging abuse or neglect pertaining to the child(ren) or a parent of the child.  Include whether the report resulted in an investigation and include the findings of the investigation.  Include any new criminal charges filed against any parent. If the investigation involved a third party, such as a foster parent, confer with your local AAG on how to include that information.]
7. Dates of Administrative Case Reviews and Permanency Team Meetings**:** [List all ACRs and PTMs to date]

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**SECTION C. Family History**

1. Summary: [Include each parent and child. Include only family history that is relevant to the current circumstances.]

[Relevant history may include, but is no limited to consideration of the following:

* Child protection services history of parents (either as children or as parents)
* Discipline received as a child
* Substance use
* Intimate partner violence
* Mental Health issues
* Current family relationships
* Juvenile justice or criminal behavior (note: must clarify arrests vs. convictions)
* Sex abuse

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**SECTION D. Current Assessment**

[Discussion shall include, but not be limited to:

* prior history of services and level of participation, including dates (do not repeat services that are discussed in the next session regarding specific steps)]
* parent's understanding of child protection concerns
* substance use
* employment status
* living arrangements and social relationships (ie. Who frequents the home and with whom do they frequently associate)]

1. Parent 1:
2. Parent 2:
3. Each child: Include the following along with the source and dates of the information obtained:
   1. Service provision:
      1. List each recommended services for each child, who recommended the service, when was the service recommended, when the service began, if the child did not participate in the recommended service, state why not.
      2. Include the most up to date information concerning the child's medical, dental, educational, developmental and treatment needs including the date the information was obtained and from whom you obtained the information
   2. Provide the current visitation schedule for the child with his or her parents and siblings.
   3. Child's perspective: [Describe child’s reaction to reunification efforts, child’s bond to caregivers, child’s adjustment to placement, child’s preference of living arrangements, other relevant information from child’s case plan. Include child’s stated position, if age appropriate.]

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**SECTION E. Current Placement**

[Describe type of placement, names of caregivers and other household members, school, activities. Give the court a good picture of each child’s current placement. Include information regarding the caregiver's level of commitment and perspective of plan. If the child has been placed out of state, provide the dates the child was visited at that placement by a state or private agency or a DCF representative.]

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**SECTION F. Reasonable Efforts to Reunify Child with Parent**

1. A. List all efforts made by the Department to reunify the child with each parent. (Describe the efforts made for each parent separately)

B. Describe why parents are unable or unwilling to benefit from reunification efforts. (Describe the reasoning for each parent separately)

C. If applicable, include a statement that "reasonable efforts to reunify are not required for parent 1/parent 2 because the court has approved a permanency plan other than reunification on **DATE**.

D. If applicable, include a statement that "reasonable efforts to reunify are not required for parent 1/parent 2 because the court determined at a hearing pursuant to C.G.S. Section 17a-111b that such efforts were not required."  **(This should be used sparingly)**

2. Specific Steps [This should be since the case opening]

[List the date of the preliminary steps and any subsequent steps that were entered by the court. For each step- separately, list referrals for the step, goal of the referral, parent’s level of participation, level of benefit to parent and outcome. Delete steps that were not ordered by the court or that are not applicable.]

**NOTE: Include the source and date of information included below.**

1. Keep all appointments set by DCF, the child(ren)’s attorney, and guardian ad litem and cooperate with home visits, announced or unannounced, virtual or in-person

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

1. Let DCF, your attorney, the child(ren)’s attorney, and guardian ad litem know where you and the child(ren) reside or spend overnights. Inform each of any changes to your contact information within a reasonable period of time.

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

1. Immediately let DCF know about any changes in the make-up of the household to confirm that the change does not hurt the health and safety of the child(ren).

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

1. Take part in counseling and make progress toward the identified treatment goals:

Parenting

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

Individual

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

Family

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

1. Accept in-home support services referred by DCF and cooperate with them.

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

1. Submit to a substance abuse evaluation and follow the recommendations about treatment, including inpatient treatment, if necessary, aftercare and relapse prevention.

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

1. Submit to random drug testing; the time and method of the testing will be up to DCF to decide.

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

1. Not use illegal drugs or prescription drugs not prescribed to you, or abuse alcohol or medicine.

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

1. Cooperate with court ordered evaluations or testing.

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

1. Get and/or maintain adequate housing and a legal income.

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

1. Get and/or cooperate with a restraining/protective order and/or other appropriate safety plan approved by DCF to avoid more domestic violence incidents.

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

1. Attend and compete an appropriate domestic violence program.

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

1. Address intimate partner violence/domestic violence with a qualified therapist.

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

1. Not break the law, which could impact your ability to care for your child(ren). If involved with the criminal justice system, comply with any criminal court orders and follow your conditions of probation or parole.

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

1. Take care of the child(ren)'s physical, educational, medical, or emotional needs, including keeping the child(ren)'s appointments with his/her/their medical, psychological, psychiatric, or educational providers.

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

1. Cooperate with the child(ren)'s therapy, including but not limited to Birth to Three.

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

1. If the case is under an order of temporary custody or commitment, visit the child(ren) as often as permitted and keep the child(ren) in the State of Connecticut,

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

1. Within thirty (30) days of this order, and at any time after that, tell DCF in writing the name, address, family relationship and birth date of any person(s) who you would like the DCF to investigate and consider as a placement resource for the child(ren).

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

1. Tell DCF the names and addresses of the grandparents of the child(ren).

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

1. Sign releases allowing DCF to communicate with service providers to make service referrals and/or to check on your attendance, cooperation and progress toward identified goals.

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

1. Sign releases allowing your child(ren)’s attorney and guardian ad litem to review your child(ren)’s medical, psychological, psychiatric and/or educational records.

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

1. Cooperate with the service providers recommended for parenting/individual/family counseling, in-home support services, substance abuse assessments/treatment, and/or intimate partner violence/domestic violence services.

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

1. Other:

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

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**SECTION H. Grounds for Termination** [Include a short paragraph as to each ground as the facts that support the ground]

1. Abandonment
2. Failure to Rehabilitate
   * (B1) committed to Department of Children and Families
   * (B2) in the care of Department of Children and Families for at least fifteen months
3. No ongoing parent-child relationship
4. Acts of Omission or Commission
5. Prior termination
6. Parent killed or assaulted another child of the parent
7. Sexual assault conviction in conception of the child

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**SECTION I. Seven Statutory TPR Findings** [Very briefly summarize or refer to information already included in previous sections. Add any additional information not already include. Do not repeat previous sections verbatim.]

1. The timeliness, nature and extent of services offered, provided and made available to the parent and the child by an agency to facilitate the reunion of the child with the parent.
2. Whether the Department of Children and Families has made reasonable efforts to reunite the family pursuant to the federal Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997, as amended from time to time.
3. The terms of any applicable court order entered into and agreed upon by any individual or agency and the parent, and the extent to which all parties have fulfilled their obligations under such order.
4. The feelings and emotional ties of the child with respect to the child's parents, any guardian of such child's person and any person who has exercised physical care, custody or control of the child for at least one year and with whom the child has developed significant emotional ties.
5. The age of the child.
6. The efforts the parent has made to adjust such parent's circumstances, conduct, or conditions to make it in the best interest of the child to return such child home in the foreseeable future, including, but not limited to, (A) the extent to which the parent has maintained contact with the child as part of an effort to reunite the child with the parent, provided the court may give weight to incidental visitations, communications or contributions, and (B) the maintenance of regular contact or communication with the guardian or other custodian of the child.
7. The extent to which a parent has been prevented from maintaining a meaningful relationship with the child by the unreasonable act or conduct of the other parent of the child, or the unreasonable act of any other person or by the economic circumstances of the parent.

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**SECTION J. Best Interests of the Child**

[Describe why termination is in the best interests of each child in two or three concise paragraphs taking into consideration the individual needs of each child.]

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**SECTION K. Recommendations**

It is the recommendation of the Department of Children and Families that the court terminate the parental rights of: [parent] and appoint the Commissioner statutory parent for [child].

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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