

SPECIFIC STEPS

JD-JM-106 Rev. 1-22
 C.G.S. §§ 46b-129(b), (d) & (j); P.A. 21-15; P.B. § 33a-6

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Address of court Superior Court for Juvenile Matters at		Docket number(s)	
Name(s) of child(ren)			
Name of parent		Name of parent	
Name of guardian (If applicable)		Current disposition	
DCF worker		Phone	
Name of CIP monitor	Phone	Name of court-appointed Guardian Ad Litem	Phone

Specific Steps

The Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families (DCF), the Petitioner in this case, and

Name	Relationship <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> _____
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(the Respondent), are instructed to comply with the following steps for the Respondent to safely retain or regain the custody of the child(ren) named above. (General Statutes section 46b-129(j) and/or Practice Book section 33a-6.)

The Respondent is ordered to:

- 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.
- Let DCF, your attorney, the child(ren)'s attorney, and the 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.
- 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).
- Take part in counseling and make progress toward the identified treatment goals:
 - Parenting Individual Family
 - Goals (specify): _____
- Accept in-home support services referred by DCF and cooperate with them.
- Submit to a substance abuse evaluation and follow the recommendations about treatment, including inpatient treatment if necessary, aftercare and relapse prevention.
- Submit to random drug testing; the time and method of the testing will be up to DCF to decide.
- Not use illegal drugs or prescription drugs not prescribed to you, or abuse alcohol or medicine.
- Cooperate with court ordered evaluations or testing.
- Get and/or maintain adequate housing and a legal income.
- Get and/or cooperate with a restraining/protective order and/or other appropriate safety plan approved by DCF to avoid domestic violence incidents.
- Attend and complete an appropriate domestic violence program.
- Address intimate partner violence/domestic violence with a qualified therapist.
- 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.
- 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.
- Cooperate with the child(ren)'s therapy, including but not limited to Birth to Three.
- Make all necessary child-care arrangements to make sure the child(ren) is/are properly supervised and cared for by appropriate caretaker(s).
- If the case is under protective supervision, the child(ren) may not be taken out of the State of Connecticut overnight unless the Respondent has permission from DCF or the court.
- 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.
- Within 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).
- Tell DCF the names and addresses of the grandparent(s) of the child(ren).
- 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.

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

- Other: _____

DCF is Ordered to:

1. Take necessary measures to ensure the child(ren)'s safety and well-being.
2. Monitor the welfare of the child(ren) and the circumstances surrounding his/her/their care by the Respondent. Refer the child(ren) or inform the parent of appropriate services available to them or their child(ren) in a timely manner.
3. Provide case management services.
4. Develop and review periodic treatment/permanency plan in collaboration with the Respondent.
5. Refer the Respondent to appropriate services (see above) and, as otherwise needed, monitor the Respondent's progress and compliance.
6. Provide the Respondent and the Respondent's attorney with written, dated notice of all referrals to service providers and retain copies of such notices for the court.
7. Provide the attorneys, upon request, with copies of reports received from the Respondent and the child(ren)'s third-party providers within a reasonable period of time.
8. Implement reasonable recommendations made by service providers and/or evaluators in this matter or obtain relief from the court.
9. Within 30 days of the receipt of written notice by the Respondent, complete the investigation and consideration of all person(s) whom the Respondent has properly identified as a placement resource for the child(ren).
10. Within 30 days, complete the investigation and assessment of all relative(s) identified as a placement resource for the child(ren).
11. In a domestic violence case, assist in developing, implementing, and monitoring an appropriate safety plan.
12. Advise the parties of any change in the child(ren)'s placement including hospitalizations, respite care, and safe home placement.
13. Provide releases to the child(ren)'s attorney and guardian ad litem to review the child(ren)'s medical, psychological, psychiatric and/or educational records if the child(ren) is/are committed.
14. Notify all attorneys and the court, in writing, within a reasonable period of time, of any new social worker assigned to this case with contact information to include a phone number and e-mail address.
15. Foster and encourage sibling visitation.

Other: _____

Authorized CIP Monitor Contacts:

- DCF Worker
- Counselor or Clinic
- Foster Parent or Institution
- Child's/Youth's School
- Other: _____

Approval and Order

- The court approves and orders the above steps as preliminary specific steps. This order shall remain in effect until the court orders final specific steps.

Signed (Judge)	Date signed
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Or

- The court approves and orders the above steps as final specific steps that are part of the disposition of the above matter.

Signed (Judge)	Date signed
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I agree to cooperate with the specific steps approved and ordered by the court and I understand that if I do not follow these specific steps the existing order or disposition may be changed. I understand that if I do not follow these specific steps it will increase the chance that a petition may be filed to terminate my parental rights permanently so that my child may be placed in adoption. I understand that I should contact my lawyer and/or DCF worker if I need help in reaching any of these specific steps.

Signed (Respondent)	Date signed
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On behalf of DCF, as the Assistant Attorney General or Principal DCF Attorney representing the petitioner, I acknowledge that I have read these preliminary or final specific steps and DCF hereby agrees to cooperate with the above specific steps approved and ordered by the court.

Signed (Attorney)	Date signed
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