

GAL/CASA Interview

FCAPID: _____

Date Completed: _____

Respondent name: _____

Interview: ____ (1 – Telephone 2 – In person)

Elapsed Time: _____ Mins.

If the GAL/CASA volunteer is unfamiliar with FCAP, provide a brief summary about the purpose of the program, your role and your activities in assessment. Mention post-assessment services, including collaborative planning to meet identified needs and 6 months of follow-up assistance. Describe their role in KPS (and that Review Team is brief and targeted as feedback for the evaluator).

About how long have you known (child's name)? _____ years _____ months

About how well do you know him/her? _____

1 – Not well

4 – Very Well

2 – Slightly

5 – Extremely Well

3 – Moderately Well

9 - Missing

I. Overall strengths, functioning and other key issues

1. What are the most important things I need to know about this child based on your experience?
[Probe: strengths, unique characteristics, challenges, barriers to permanency]

2. To the best of your knowledge, does [child's name] have any conditions, diagnoses or disorders (medical/psychological)?

3. What types of services have been provided to the child, biological parents and other key individuals?
[what has been tried and effective or ineffective for each client, why did placements fail]

Child

Biological parents

Others (specify, e.g. siblings, other relatives, foster parents)

II. Permanent plan

1. What are the primary and secondary permanent plans for this child?

1a. Primary: ☐ Reunification
☐ Adoption
☐ Guardianship
☐ Long-Term FC
☐ 3rd Party Custody
☐ Independent Living

1b. Secondary: ☐ Reunification
☐ Adoption
☐ Guardianship
☐ Long-Term FC
☐ 3rd Party Custody
☐ Independent Living
☐ None/NA

2. What is the current status of these plans and related legal issues impacting this child's permanent plan? (elicit information about steps that need to be taken to finalize permanency, barriers as perceived by worker)

2a. What do you think the child wants in terms of a permanent situation?

2b. Do you think the present caregiver might be willing to accept this child permanently? ☐ No (1)
☐ Yes (2)
☐ DK (3)

If Yes, which plans might be acceptable to this caregiver? (check all that apply)

- ☐ Adoption
- ☐ Guardianship
- ☐ Long-Term FC
- ☐ 3rd Party Custody

3. What do you think is in the best interests of the child?

4. What skills would be needed in order to care for this child?

5. What should be done about continuing relationships between this child and his/her biological family members? [Parents, siblings, grandparents, other relatives]

a) Maintaining present relationships with biological family members

b) Development of future relationships with biological family members

6. Are you aware of any additional potential placements for this child?

[significant adult connection, type of support, placement--include names/telephone numbers/addresses]

III. Culture, religion, and ethnicity/race

1. How do you think this child identifies as far as culture, religion, and ethnicity/race?
2. Do you believe that this child's racial, cultural, and religious traditions are able to be attended to in their current placement? If not, what do you think could improve?

IV. Other issues

1. Is there anything else you would like to discuss about this child?
[follow-up on questions skipped; other service providers; adult/placement resources]
2. Who else should we talk to about [child's name]?