

Permanency Committees

Background Notes

Checks and balances are an important part of child welfare work. Because of the fragile nature of relationships between children and adults, consultation ensures best interest decisions are being made for children in planning. In Oregon there is a committee that reviews permanency plans for children. That committee is called a Permanency Committee. There are policies that explain how to proceed with various common permanency concerns. One such policy is: Legal Permanency, Concurrent Planning, and Use of Permanency Committee_ [I-E.3.6](#). Permanency Committees look at what permanency plan is most appropriate for a child such as adoption, guardianship, or another planned permanent living arrangement (APPLA). Permanency Committees also address the issue of sibling separation for the purposes of adoption as well as the consideration of foster parents as a current caretaker for the purposes of adoption.

Tasks / Assignments:

- Review the policy, [Legal Permanency, Concurrent Planning, and Use of Permanency Committee](#) , [I-E.3.6](#).
- Ask your Supervisor to give you a contact for an upcoming Permanency Committee.
- Attend a couple of Permanency Committees in which different plans are being considered.

Discoveries:

- *What types of decisions are made by Permanency Committees?*
- *Was the committee process helpful to the caseworker who presented?*

