

**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF FORSYTH COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**INTERNAL OPERATING PROCEDURE 98-26**

**RE: PROCEDURE UPON TAKING CUSTODY OF CHILDREN**

**ORDER**

In order to comply with the statutory requirements of O.C.G.A. § 15-11-41, it is hereby ordered that the following procedure be implemented by all involved agencies and individuals:

1. The Forsyth County Department of Family and Children Services, hereinafter known as "DFACS", shall submit to the Court a written report, in conformity with Exhibit "A" attached hereto, within 30 days of removal of the child from the home. This report shall include a plan for reunification or a statement as to why reunification is inappropriate. The contents of this report shall be determined at a meeting to be held by DFACS and the parents and children, when available. The parents shall be given written notice of the meeting at least five days in advance and shall be advised that the report will be submitted to become an order of the Court.
  
2. Within 90 days of entering of the dispositional order of custody with DFACS, a judicial review shall be conducted by the Forsyth County Citizen Review Panel. The panel shall transmit its report, including its findings and recommendations, along with the department's proposed revised permanency plan to the Court and the parents within five days after the review. Please see the attached Exhibit "B" for the forms to be utilized by the Citizen Panel in rendering its report.
  
3. Each case shall be subsequently reviewed every 90 days by the Citizen Panel subject to adjustments when requests for judicial review are granted, until reunification occurs or the Court orders reunification services to cease.

**SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED**, this 9th day of July, 1998.

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Jeffrey S. Bagley, Judge  
Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit