**Section 316.140 Compliance with the Client Case Planning Requirements**

a) The Department shall develop a monitoring and reporting mechanism to evaluate the extent of compliance with its client case planning requirements. At minimum, the Department shall monitor:

1) the permanency goal for each child;

2) the planned date of achievement of the permanency goal;

3) the extent of progress toward the permanency goal; and

4) the actual date the permanency goal was achieved.

b) In the case of any child who is placed in a qualified residential treatment program for more than 12 consecutive months or 18 nonconsecutive months (or, in the case of a child who has not attained age 13, for more than 6 consecutive or nonconsecutive months), the Department shall maintain the following documentation in the child's case plan and make it available for State or federal inspection or review:

1) the most recent version of the evidence and documentation specified in paragraph 4 of 42 U.S.C. 675(c)(4), which was reviewed at the most recent ACR or circuit court permanency hearing and supports the continuing need for the QRTP, treatment or services, the preparation for return home or another placement; and

2) the signed approval of the head of the Department for the continued placement of the child in that setting (42 U.S.C. 675a(c)(5)).

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