

## Sample Judgement Entry

*This form is to be used prior to emancipation to establish jurisdiction for Bridges participation.*

**IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, OHIO**  
**JUVENILE DIVISION**

In re \_\_\_\_\_

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Judge \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Hearing: \_\_\_\_\_

Magistrate \_\_\_\_\_

### HEARING TYPE:

- ☐ Annual Review/Permanency Hearing
- ☐ Terminate Temporary Custody
- ☐ Terminate Protective Supervision
- ☐ Transfer Legal Custody
- ☐ First Extension of Temporary Custody

- ☐ Motion to Change Disposition
- ☐ Terminate Custody/Emancipation\*
- ☐ Retain Jurisdiction\*
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### PARTIES PRESENT:

- ☐ Mother \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Father \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Custodian \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ GAL \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Agency Attorney \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Caseworker \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Child \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Child's Attorney \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other Attorney \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other Attorney \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

(\*) The emancipated young adult named in the above-captioned matter may be eligible to participate in the Bridges program pursuant to R.C. 5180.428. It is Bridges' responsibility to notify this court when this emancipated young adult enters and leaves program participation. This Court shall retain jurisdiction during any period in which this emancipated young adult is in the Bridges program. Jurisdiction on this case will end when the emancipated young adult reaches age twenty-one or the case is transferred to another county.

### FINDINGS

- ☐ The party's (parties') right to counsel explained. Counsel is: ☐ Waived ☐ Not waived
- ☐ Parent(s)/Custodian, \_\_\_\_\_, was duly served, but failed to appear or respond.
- ☐ All issues are resolved by agreement. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Evidentiary was hearing held. ☐ See attached finding of fact.

☐ Specified relative from whom child(ren) were removed (list name and relationship): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Issues to be addressed through services to the family include: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Services identified for each party/progress made: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Child(ren)'s Placement: \_\_\_\_\_

### **REASONABLE EFFORTS**

The agency ☐ **has** ☐ **has not** made reasonable efforts to prevent the need for placement, removal of the child from the home and/or make it possible for the child to remain in the home or safely return to the home. The Court makes this finding based on the following efforts for the child(ren):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The Court makes this finding based on the following efforts for:

☐ Parent \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Parent \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other person from whom the child(ren) was removed \_\_\_\_\_

☐ The Court makes the determination that the agency is not required to make reasonable efforts to prevent the need for placement, removal of the child from the home and/or make it possible for the child to remain in the home or safely return to the home, pursuant to R.C. 2151.419(A)(2)(a)-(e), based on the following:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **BEST INTEREST**

☐ Based upon the evidence presented, the Court finds that continued residence of the child(ren) in the home, or return to the home, would be contrary to the child(ren)'s best interest and welfare.

☐ The approved permanency plan and dispositional orders are determined to be in the best interest of the child(ren).

## REVIEW OF PERMANENCY PLAN

The permanency plan is:

- ☐ Reunification ☐ Permanent Custody ☐ Protective Supervision  
☐ Legal Custody ☐ Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

The Agency has: ☐ **has** ☐ **has not** made reasonable efforts to finalize this permanency plan for the child(ren). Those efforts include:

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The Permanency Plan ☐ **is** ☐ **is not** approved.

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

- ☐ The Agency shall provide Protective Supervision of \_\_\_\_\_, the above captioned child(ren) in the home of \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ By preponderance of the evidence, it is in the best interest of the child(ren) that: Temporary Custody of \_\_\_\_\_, the above captioned child(ren) is awarded to:
- ☐ The Agency, \_\_\_\_\_ effective \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ A Parent ☐ Relative ☐ Other person \_\_\_\_\_, approved by the Court effective \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ By clear and convincing evidence, the extension of Temporary Custody of \_\_\_\_\_, the above captioned child(ren) to the ☐ Agency ☐ Parent ☐ Relative ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **is** ☐ **is not** in the best interest of the child(ren) and is ☐ granted ☐ denied.
- ☐ The Court finds there ☐ **is** ☐ **is not** reasonable cause to believe the child(ren) will be reunified with a parent or otherwise permanently placed within the period of extension.
- ☐ The Agency's ☐ Protective Supervision ☐ Temporary Custody of \_\_\_\_\_, the above captioned child(ren) is terminated effective \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ It is in the best interest of the child(ren) to be in the Legal Custody of \_\_\_\_\_.
- The child(ren) have been in this home since \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Legal custody of \_\_\_\_\_, the above captioned child(ren) is awarded to \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ is/are made a party herein.

- \_\_\_\_\_ had executed a Legal Custody Statement of Understanding and the same is made a part of the record herein.

☐ By clear and convincing evidence, a Planned Permanent Living Arrangement ☐ **is** ☐ **is not** in the best interest of \_\_\_\_\_, the above captioned child(ren) to the Agency, and specifically pursuant to R.C. 2151.415(C)(1)(a-c):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Parenting time for \_\_\_\_\_ shall be:

☐ Supervised

☐ By agreement of the parties

☐ By Court Schedule: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Schools to be responsible for the costs of educating said child(ren). The parent(s), \_\_\_\_\_ resided at \_\_\_\_\_ when custody changed.

☐ The State of Ohio has determined that the parent(s) of the subject child(ren) resided out of state at the time a change of custody was made here. Therefore, no school district can be named as responsible for the costs of education at this time.

☐ Case plan(s) filed \_\_\_\_\_ approved (as amended) \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ All parties shall comply with the approved case plan. Said case plan is incorporated by reference as part of the Court's Order.

☐ Prior Order for \_\_\_\_\_ to pay child support in Case/Sets # \_\_\_\_\_ is terminated, effective \_\_\_\_\_. The Agency is ordered to correct their records accordingly.

☐ Supplemental Support and Health Care Orders are attached hereto and incorporated by reference as part of this Order.

☐ Payee of Agency Case/Sets # \_\_\_\_\_ to be changed to \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ Future Hearing Dates of \_\_\_\_\_ are vacated.

☐ All Court-Appointed Counsel are hereby relieved of their duty and obligation to their clients herein.

☐ The Guardian ad Litem is hereby relieved of their duties and obligation to this/these child(ren).



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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parties may file written objections to this decision within fourteen (14) days from the date it is filed in the Juvenile Clerk's office. Objections must be specific and state all particular grounds for objection. If the objection is to a *factual finding*, the objection shall be supported by a transcript or an affidavit of the evidence. A party shall not assign as error on appeal the Court's adoption of any factual finding or legal conclusion, whether or not specifically designated as a finding of fact or conclusion of law, unless the party timely and specifically objects to that factual finding or legal conclusion as required by Juvenile Rule 40, Civil Rule 53, and Criminal Rule 19.

Next Hearing: \_\_\_\_\_