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TITLE 7. CHILD WELFARE

ARTICLE I.

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CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION, PURPOSE, POLICY, CONSTRUCTION AND PLACEMENT PREFERENCES

Sec. 7-1101. Introduction.

Meskwaki children are sacred. They are the lifeblood of our future as a society and a Tribe. We suffer no greater loss than when we lose a child. We therefore commit by this law to protect our children, our families, our clans and our Tribe by putting laws in place that establish that a Meskwaki child's sense of belonging to his or her family, clan and Tribe must be protected and secured by the Tribal Court in all instances when the Court must step forward to help a family make decisions to regain their health and balance.

This law will remind people who come before the court and the judge hearing a matter about the values that sustain Meskwaki life. Meskwaki people understand that we are all related. You always have someone to turn to. Parents and children do not stand alone. We know that our mothers' sisters' children are our brothers and sisters. We adopt a person into our family to take someone's place in our family when they have passed on. There are many ways to keep our children in family. At birth a child is part of his father's clan and he must learn the ways of the clan. If a father has no name for his child, he will go to a clan leader for a name: it will be a clan name which only can be given by the clan. Mothers have a duty to encourage children to learn about their clan. In the case of a loss, separation or divorce between Meskwaki parents, a child can remain with its mother if the clan ways will still be learned as they should by the child. These are reminders of the foundations of Meskwaki values and beliefs.

Grandparents oftentimes have a lot to say to us about our relations and our respect for each other. If a pattern of neglect or strife has developed in a family, our grandparents have stepped in and taken their grandchildren to raise. They have not forced the parents of those children to change, but have helped show them problems they are facing. Things should be worked out without argument and fighting. We know that sometimes this can take a long while; our main objective is to remove the pain from that family and preserve that family by using our Tribal values, beliefs and religion.

Sometimes there are no grandparents to step in or grandparents are unable to step in when there is neglect and strife in a family. Sometimes other family member support is not directly available to speak to that neglect and strife. Our future depends on not passing on inappropriate behavior or allowing children to learn to copy the conduct of their parents who have become lost. This child welfare law provides a means to allow the Meskwaki Court to step in at those times and help a family reach decisions that will protect the child's sense of belonging to the family and the Tribe. The Meskwaki Court will follow our tribal values and beliefs and the lessons that our religion teaches us. It will require the Meskwaki Family Services to use all of the strengths and guidance of that child's family and clan to protect the child in a way we recognize as Meskwaki. The Meskwaki Court will help a family make a decision and sometimes it will make a decision on its own because the family cannot. When it does this,

it will consult Tribal elders, clan leaders and Tribal members who know the right way to protect the child and the family and help them heal.

Sec. 7-1102. Purpose.

This Title shall be interpreted to effectuate the following purposes:

- (a) To secure for each child coming before the Meskwaki Tribal Court such care and guidance, preferably in her or his own home, as will serve her or his welfare and the best interests of the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa ("Tribe");
- (b) To preserve and strengthen family ties;
- (c) To preserve and strengthen each child's Tribe, cultural, or ethnic identity;
- (d) To secure for any child removed from her or his home that care and guidance, as nearly equivalent as that which the child should have been given by its parents to help her or him develop into a responsible, well adjusted adult; to improve any conditions or home environment which may be contributing to a child's need for assistance;
- (e) To divert a child from a State or other Tribal child justice system wherever possible in order to provide assistance within the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa to children who are neglected, dependant, or committing delinquent acts or experiencing other law violations, including status level offenses such as truancy or runaway;
- (f) To protect the peace and security of the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa community and its individual residents from child misconduct;
- (g) To help maintain and restore the Meskwaki ways of being.

Sec. 7-1103. Policy.

- (a) The policy is to insure that the Sac & Fox of the Mississippi in Iowa can protect the rights and promote the welfare of its children and other Indian children as well as all natural and adoptive parents. It is the further policy of the Tribe to insure that a tribal forum exists to address welfare and adoption issues that arise from all states' compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), 25 U.S.C. §1901, *et seq.*
- (b) The following shall constitute the policy of the Tribe with regard to the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. §1901 *et seq.*
 - (1) The Tribe shall intervene in all matters addressed by the ICWA involving a tribal child, whether or not she or he is a member, unless such intervention would be impracticable under the circumstances of the case.
 - (2) In all ICWA cases which mandate transfer to Tribal Court and in which the Tribe is the "Indian Child's Tribe" within the meaning of the Iowa ICWA or the federal ICWA, the Tribe shall petition for transfer of proceedings from the state court unless such transfer would be impracticable under the circumstances of the case.

(3) The Tribal Court may include in such transfer siblings of Tribal minors who are members of another Tribe absent objection from the sibling's Tribe.

(4) The full panel of judges from the Sac & Fox of the Mississippi in Iowa jurisdiction shall be authorized to formally accept the transfer of jurisdiction from any state court. Said panel shall not be authorized to reject transfer without prior consultation with the Tribal Council.

Sec. 7-1104. Construction.

This Title shall be liberally construed to insure that each child shall receive such care and guidance in the child's own home, if possible, as will protect and enhance the child's welfare and protect and enhance the health and stability of the Tribe.

Sec. 7-1105. Placement Preferences.

(a) The Tribe hereby establishes the following placement preferences should a child be placed outside the child's home, provided such placement can secure the best care and guidance for the child. These placement preferences exist for foster care and adoption or any other placement that a court may need to make to secure a child's best interest as defined under this law. Within each placement preference category, preference shall be given to a placement on the Meskwaki Settlement. These placement preferences shall be applied by the Court in all proceedings pursuant to this Code and no deviation therefrom shall be made without a finding of good cause therefore.

(b) The out of home placement preferences for the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa are as follows:

- (1) A member of the child's extended family;
- (2) A member of the child's Clan;
- (3) Another member of the child's Tribe who has been licensed by the Tribe to provide care for a Tribal child;
- (4) An Indian foster home located off the Settlement and licensed or approved by the Tribe;
- (5) Another Indian family;
- (6) A specialized care provider for children approved by the Tribe or operated by an Indian organization which has a program suitable to meet a child's special needs.

(c) The provisions of this Section constitute the establishment of the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa's order of placement preference as acknowledged by the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) at 25 U.S.C. §1915 (c).

Sec. 7-1106. Transfer of Jurisdiction Under the ICWA.

The full panel of judges the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa jurisdiction shall be authorized to formally accept the transfer of jurisdiction from any state court. The panel shall not be authorized to reject a transfer without prior consultation with the Tribal Council.

Sec. 7-1107. Intervention Under the ICWA.

The Tribe is automatically a party to a state court child welfare proceeding that involves a Meskwaki child. It will be the decision of the Tribal Council whether to intervene actively in a state court proceeding involving a minor tribal member or a minor eligible for membership in the Tribe or a child of the Meskwaki community. If the Tribal Council decides that it will not actively intervene or take part in the proceedings in state court, it shall provide appropriate notice to the state court. In the absence of active intervention, the Tribal Council shall provide notice to the state court of the Tribal placement preferences and shall further provide to the state court the identity of the person or persons who can serve as qualified expert witnesses from the Tribe in the state court proceedings.

Sec. 7-1108. Records of Children's Court.

The Court shall maintain a record of all proceedings under this Title in record books labeled "Records of the Children's Court." The records of proceedings under this Code shall not be open to public inspection and the names of the parents and children in need of assistance shall not be released to the public nor the media.

CHAPTER 2. DEFINITIONS.**Sec. 7-1201. Definitions.**

(a) **Delinquent child.** Delinquent child means any child under the age of eighteen (18) years who:

(1) Violates any provisions of existing Tribal law or any offenses enumerated in the criminal code of the State of Iowa, or any other State or Tribal Code in the United States;

(2) By reason of being ungovernable or habitually disobedient, is uncontrolled by her or his parents, guardian or custodian;

(3) Is habitually truant from school or home;

(4) Habitually so deports herself or himself so as to injure or endanger the morals or health of herself or himself or others.

(b) **Dependent child.** Any child under the age of eighteen (18) years, who is homeless or destitute or without proper support through no fault of her or his parent, guardian, or custodian.

(c) **Neglected child.** Any child under the age of eighteen (18) years:

(1) Who is abandoned by her or his parent, guardian or custodian;

- (2) Who lacks proper parental care by reason of the fault or habits of her or his parents, guardian or custodian;
- (3) Whose parent lacks the capacity, skills or ability to provide proper parental care for the minor child;
- (4) Whose parent, guardian or custodian neglects or refuses to provide proper and necessary property, subsistence, education or other care necessary for the health, morals or well-being of such child;
- (5) Whose parent, guardian or custodian neglects or refuses to provide special care made necessary by the mental or physical condition of the child;
- (6) Whose parent engages in conduct or is in a situation dangerous to life or limb or injurious to the health or morals of such child.

(d) Child in need of assistance. Any delinquent, dependent, or neglected child shall be deemed a child in need of assistance and may be the subject of a petition under this Title. The jurisdiction and authority granted herein shall extend to: a minor Tribal member; a minor eligible for membership with the Tribe; or any Indian child residing on or domiciled on the Meskwaki Settlement as defined by Tribal laws.

(e) Child. Any Indian child under the age of eighteen (18) years.

(f) Best Interest of the Child. Best interest of the child shall be understood to reflect the Meskwaki ways of being. A best interest determination must be grounded in the concept of family preservation. The unique bond experienced by each child and her or his clan and tribe shall be protected in all proceedings. Each child shall be provided unbroken access to involvement with the Tribe's way of life and the child's lifelong relationship with her or his extended family, clan, tribal community, and tribe.

(g) Parties. Parties to child welfare actions shall be designated as petitioner and respondent.

(h) Children's Court. The Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa Tribal Court, when exercising jurisdiction under this Title, shall be known as the "Children's Court" and any duly appointed judge of the Court when exercising jurisdiction under this Code shall be known as the "Children's Court Judge."

CHAPTER 3. JURISDICTION

Sec. 7-1301. Jurisdiction.

The Children's Court shall have original jurisdiction in all proceedings coming within the terms of this Title and all inherent jurisdiction not foreclosed by federal law. The Children's Court shall have jurisdiction over the parent(s), presumed parent(s) or any individual(s) residing in the child's home. The Court shall have continuing jurisdiction until the child reaches eighteen (18) years of age. Unless the child is discharged by the Court, the Court for cause shown may re-open the case at any time and take such action with respect to a child as it deems appropriate. Jurisdiction over a minor may be extended

past the minor's eighteenth birthday if the Court finds good cause exists for such extension, but not beyond her or his twenty-first birthday.

CHAPTER 4. INITIATION OF PROCEEDINGS

Sec. 7-1401. Proceedings of a Civil Nature.

Proceedings in Children's Court cases shall be regarded as civil proceedings, with the Court exercising both legal and equitable powers. The fact that the proceedings are of a civil nature shall not be construed to deprive the child of her or his right to counsel or to confront accusers and cross-examine witnesses against her or him.

Sec. 7-1402. How to Start Proceedings.

Child welfare proceedings shall be initiated by filing a petition with the Meskwaki Children's Court. An authorized representative of Meskwaki Family Services may file a petition with the Children's Court. In the alternative, a private petition may be filed by any person, with notice provided to the Meskwaki Family Services by the Clerk of Court.

Sec. 7-1403. Caption Headings.

The captions for all child welfare actions shall be titled "In Re the Matter of (child's initials), A [Dependent], [Neglected], and/or [Delinquent] Child".

Sec. 7-1404. Grounds for a Petition.

A petition may be filed when a child is known or believed to be neglected, dependent or delinquent. The petition shall state the facts concerning the condition of the child, including the name, age and residence of the child and the identification and condition of her or his parent(s), legal guardian(s), care provider(s) or others who have responsibility for the child and the incident giving rise to the need for a petition.

Sec. 7-1405. Notice and Service of Notice.

Upon the filing of a petition, the clerk of court shall issue a notice which may be in the form of a summons directing the parent(s), legal guardian(s), care provider(s) or others who have a responsibility for the child or others the Court determines should be present in Court for hearing at the time and place fixed in the notice. If the whereabouts of the parent(s), legal guardian(s) or care provider(s) or others who have a responsibility for the child is unknown, the Court may proceed to take any action to protect the best interests of the child. All such actions shall be temporary. The returns of service shall be filed in the record of the case.

Sec. 7-1406. Hearings in Children's Court.

(a) Confidential. All matters under this Code shall be confidential and heard in closed Court, excluding all persons except parents, others who have a responsibility for the child, extended family, the probation officer, law enforcement officer, guardian ad litem, attorneys for the parties and, with the permission of the Court, others having a direct interest in the matter.

(b) Other Resolution. The Court shall inquire at the earliest inception of the case if resolution of the matter may be found in the problem solving practices of the child's family, clan or tribe. If the matter of the child's safety and the family's stability can be resolved within and by the child's family, clan or tribe, the Court shall request such resolution. Upon the advice of the full resolution for the child and family has been reached, the Court shall make the following inquiries before issuing a dispositional order:

- (1) the identity of the child's caregiver;
- (2) the child's residence;
- (3) the conditions of contact, if any, with the person from whom the child was removed;
- (4) the condition of contact, if any, with any person who has harmed the child;
and/or
- (5) the resolution of the problem giving rise to the petition filing.

Sec. 7-1407 Seventy-two (72) Hours.

If a child alleged to be a child in need of assistance is placed in custody under any provision of this Code, in no instance shall such custody exceed seventy-two (72) hours without a hearing before the Children's Court, regardless of the child's status as a neglected, dependant or delinquent child. No child shall be detained or incarcerated with adult detainees or prisoners.

CHAPTER 5. ACTIONS OF THE CHILDREN'S COURT.

Sec. 7-1501. General authority.

(a) The Court shall make such orders for the commitment, custody and care of the child and take such other actions as it may deem advisable and appropriate in the best interest of the child in this Title. In addition to Meskwaki Family Services, the Court may request and accept the aid of other Tribes and the Iowa Department Human Services, or such others as it deems appropriate for a proper determination and disposition of the case, including custody or placement of the child.

(b) The Court shall have authority to receive, consider and render judgment on petitions for termination of parental rights only in those circumstances where a parent has been convicted of the sexual or physical abuse of his or her child. No judgment or order may issue to terminate parental rights unless the parents have been provided full notice and an opportunity to be heard prior to entry of any judgment.

Sec. 7-1502. Orders for Protection.

(a) If it appears to the Children's Court, upon sworn testimony or an affidavit, that there is probable cause to believe that a child is being neglected, endangered, detained without authorization, or ill-treated in any place within the jurisdiction of the Children's Court, the Children's Court may issue an order authorizing a Meskwaki Family Services or any other person authorized by the Children's Court to search for and obtain physical custody of the child. Such person must thereupon take the child to the

place or shelter designated by the Children's Court in its order. If such placement is not designated in the Court's order, then the child shall be placed, temporarily, pursuant to Meskwaki Family Services directives. A placement directive from Meskwaki Family Services shall not extend beyond a forty-eight hour period without review from a judge of the Children's Court.

(b) An order for protection may be issued if a child, previously placed by an order of the Court, runs from his or her placement and the Court finds the child may be in danger.

(c) An order for protection may be issued on behalf of a minor child and her or his custodial parent if the Court finds that such order is necessary to prevent violent or threatening acts or harassment against the Court's designated custodian of the child and/or the child. Such order may be designated a protection order as provided in 18 U.S.C. sec. 2266, Violence Against Women Act.

(d) If an *ex parte* order for protection is issued by the Court and includes protection of the child's custodian, the Court shall provide notice and an opportunity to the respondent within a reasonable time after such order is issued which is sufficient to protect respondent's right to due process.

(e) Interference with execution of the Court's order may subject an individual to a contempt of Court citation, or arrest and detention if such authority shall exist.

Sec. 7-1503. Custody of Child Pending Hearing.

Pending final disposition of the case, the child shall be subject to the order of the Children's Court. The Court may place the child pursuant to Sec. 7-1105(b) of this Title, follow the child's clan's resolution, or any other placement the Court finds will protect the child's best interest.

Sec. 7-1504. Medical Care and Examinations.

If the Children's Court orders medical examinations, psychological or psychiatric evaluations, it shall ensure that the evaluator and care as may be required for children under its jurisdiction. Such evaluators must have adequate training and experience and be able to make evaluations grounded in the cultural context of the child.

Sec. 7-1505. Commitments.

(a) **Adults.** The Court shall have authority to make involuntary parental commitments for mental health, chemical dependency or alcohol dependency for the benefit of the family and the child's best interest as defined in this title.

(b) **Minors.** The Children's Court shall have broad discretionary power, in accordance with Sec. 7-1105(b) of this Code, to make children's placements and commitments. Its authority shall include, without intending any limitation hereby, the power to place or commit the child, subject to Sec. 7-1105(b), 1406(b) and 1501(a).

Sec. 7-1506. Judgment for Support.

The Children's Court may, by order, direct the person or persons required by law to support the child to pay for the support of the child in such amount as the Children's Court may determine to be fair and reasonable, including the cost of the temporary placement of the child pending a hearing under Sec.

7-1505(b) above. Such orders shall have the force and effect of judgments for money and shall be enforceable as are other judgments for money.

Sec. 7-1507. Contempt of Court.

Any person who knowingly violates the orders of the Children's Court may be subjected to a show cause hearing for contempt of Court and a fine, as enumerated in the Judicial Code, Title I, Chapter VII, Section 4. No show cause order for contempt shall issue prior to adequate attempts by the court to resolve the question of the person's conduct in a manner consistent with tribal problem solving practices. Prior to the issuance of an order to show cause, the court shall determine whether such action will adversely affect the best interest of the child as defined in this title.

CHAPTER 6. CUSTODY OF A CHILD APPREHENDED FOR VIOLATION OF LAW BY OFFICER OF LAW.

Sec. 7-1601. Apprehension, Notice and Placement.

(a) An officer of the law or a probation officer who is authorized to act on behalf of the Tribe who apprehends a child for an alleged violation of law, including truancy or run-a-way, shall immediately notify Meskwaki Family Services of the apprehension and shall place the child in such custody as the Court requires or Meskwaki Family Services directs, pending a hearing by the Children's Court. In no instance shall such custody placement exceed seventy-two (72) hours without a hearing before the Children's Court. No child shall be detained or incarcerated with adult detainees or prisoners.

(b) Nothing in this Title shall be construed as prohibiting an officer of the law from acting in an emergency to take into custody a child who is found violating a law, who is reasonably believed to be a fugitive from her or his the parent(s), legal guardian(s), care provider(s) or others who have a responsibility for the child or placement agency or from justice or whose surroundings are such as to endanger her or his health, safety, or welfare unless taken into custody.

(c) Upon such action by an officer of the law, the officer must immediately contact Meskwaki Family Services which shall take action pursuant to subsection (b) in this section or take physical custody of the child in order to return that child to his or her the parent(s), legal guardian(s), care provider(s) or others who have a responsibility for the child.

(d) If such placement is made with a family on the Meskwaki Settlement, an emergency order for protection shall be available for the placement family if such protection is determined to be reasonably necessary by the Court.

Sec. 7-1602. Emergency removal authority.

The Meskwaki Family Services is authorized by this section to make pre-hearing emergency placements and shall abide by the seventy-two (72) hour limitation required herein.

CHAPTER 7. MESKWAKI FAMILY SERVICES**Sec. 7-1701. Duties.**

In carrying out the duties enumerated in this Section, Meskwaki Family Services shall be aware at all times that its primary duty is to coordinate care rather than manage cases. Meskwaki Family Services shall be charged with organizing healing processes through the mobilization of family resources first. Meskwaki Family Services shall have the following powers, duties, and responsibilities.

(a) Pursuant to the instruction of the Tribal Council, process all ICWA notices sent to the Tribe, assist the Tribal Council in intervening in ICWA proceedings, assist the Tribal Council in petitioning for transfer of ICWA proceedings to the Meskwaki Children's Court and carry out all other duties and responsibilities regarding all ICWA matters pursuant to the instructions of the Tribal Council.

(b) Receive and investigate reports of suspected child in need of assistance matters, including suspected child abuse, neglect, dependency, delinquency, truancy or runaway situations involving children either enrolled in or eligible for enrollment in the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa, or any Indian child residing on or domiciled on the Meskwaki Settlement. In addition, Meskwaki Family Services shall report suspected abuse, neglect or dependency of non-Indian children residing on the Settlement to the appropriate authorities. Meskwaki Family Services staff shall participate in Children's Court cases to which it is a party.

(c) Receive referral information, conduct intake inquiries, and determine whether to initiate child welfare proceedings.

(d) Determine whether a child member of the tribe or a child eligible for membership in the tribe or a child considered a member of the community or any Indian child residing on the Settlement should be held pursuant to emergency removal authority, enumerated in Section 12 of this Title. Emergency removals shall not exceed seventy-two (72) hours without a Court hearing. Meskwaki Family Services shall provide crisis counseling during the intake process, when such counseling appears to be necessary.

(e) Make referrals of cases to other agencies and share information with other agencies if their assistance appears to be needed or desirable.

(f) Develop case plans, conduct case plan reviews, make dispositional reports and provide recommendations to the Court in child welfare proceedings, including a plan of rehabilitation, treatment and care.

(g) Supervise and assist children under the jurisdiction of this Court pursuant to child welfare dispositions, offer individual or family counseling, and engage in active efforts to obtain necessary or desired services for the child and the child's family.

(h) Accept legal custody of those children under the jurisdiction of this Court when ordered by the Children's Court.

(i) Initiate petitions for the termination of parental rights or investigate and report to the Children's Court on petitions to terminate parental rights brought pursuant to Sec. 7-1501(b).

(j) If specifically authorized by Tribal Council resolution, retain counsel to assist in carrying out these duties and to represent the Tribe in special matters relating to this Title.

(k) Negotiate agreements for services, record sharing, referral, and funding for child welfare services pursuant to dispositional orders.

(l) Provide measures and procedures for preserving the confidential nature of child welfare services records within Meskwaki Family Services.

(m) Mail and file such reports as may be required by this Code and by agreements with other governmental agencies in furtherance of child and family services.

(n) Perform any other functions ordered by the Court in matters related to this title.

Sec. 7-1702. Use of Other Tribal Resources by Meskwaki Family Services.

In carrying out its duties and responsibilities under this Title, Meskwaki Family Services may use psychiatric, psychological, therapeutic counseling and other social services available to the Tribe, both from within and without the Tribe. Meskwaki Family Services shall be required to identify and use tribal resources. Such medical providers must have adequate training and experience and be able to make evaluations grounded in the cultural context of the child.

Sec. 7-1703. Report of Custodian.

When a child is committed to the care of any person or agency, the matter may be assigned by the Children's Court to a Meskwaki Family Services representative who obtain a report quarterly, or more frequently if the Children's Court so orders, from the custodian to whom the child has been committed. Said report shall include at a minimum, the child's condition and welfare. The report shall be filed with the Children's Court.

Sec. 7-1704. Case Plans.

(a) For all matters in which a dispositional order other than a dismissal is entered, Meskwaki Family Services shall develop a written plan of service in consultation with the child, if over 12 years of age, the parent(s), legal guardian(s), care provider(s) or others who have a responsibility for the child, and such other child and family service providers as may be appropriate to the case. Each case plan shall be designed to assist the parent(s), legal guardian(s), care provider(s) or others who have a responsibility for the child to return to a healthy lifestyle in order to maintain family placement or to be reunified with their child if the Court determines that reunification is in the child's best interest. Each case plan shall be designated to achieve placement in a setting which most closely approximates the child's family and in which any special needs may be met, and shall include the following:

- (1) A description of the type of home or specialized child care the child needs;
- (2) A discussion why the placement is necessary for the particular child;
- (3) A plan to insure that:
 - (i) the child receives proper care while in placement;

(ii) services are provided to the parent(s), child, and foster parent(s) to maintain family placement or to facilitate the return of the child to her/his home or permanent placement; and

(iii) in an out-of-home placement, regular, ongoing contact between the parent(s), legal guardian(s), care provider(s) or others who have a responsibility for the child and the child and all other family members who have been part of child's life when no danger is presented to child by such contact.

(iv) the child's service needs in foster placement are met and that the services are appropriate.

(4) At no less than six month intervals, Meskwaki Family Services shall review each case and plan, and develop written findings which address the:

(i) Continuing need for service and/or placement;

(ii) Appropriateness of services and/or placement to date;

(iii) Compliance with the service plan;

(iv) Progress made toward alleviating or mitigating the circumstances giving rise to the dispositional order; and

(v) Projection of a likely date by which the child may be returned home, placed in other custody or legal guardianship, long-term foster care, or placed for adoption in the circumstances provided for in this Title and Title 6.

(5) Case reviews shall be conducted by a panel including at least one person who is not responsible for management or delivery of services in the case. Case review meetings shall be open to participation by the child, parent, guardian, or custodian or their representative.

(6) The case plan and any case review findings shall be filed with the Children's Court and shall be referenced in any petition for extension or modification under this Title.