

**Wisconsin Department of Children and Families  
Child Current Legal Permanency Status Form**

**Instructions to Team:** Please rate the **child's current legal permanency status** based on the information presented by the Ongoing Case Manager and Supervisor before beginning to discuss any specific strategies or actions to take following the consultation. It is important to note this is a rating of the child's current situation as it relates to achievement of **legal permanency**. Legal permanence is defined as reunification, adoption or transfer of guardianship. This is not a rating of caseworker or agency competency. **NOTE:** If team consensus cannot be reached on permanency status, the team should opt for the lower rating.

<b>Current Child Legal Permanency Status</b> Rate the child's <u>current</u> permanency status as described below based on existing evidence:		
Child has legal permanency (reunification with safe case closure expected, adoption or legal guardianship).	Permanency achieved	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child is in a family setting that the child, the caregivers and the casework team believe is lifelong, and the caregivers and child are committed to formalizing the relationship through adoption or transfer of guardianship; – OR – Child is in stable living situation with own parents (not a trial reunification) and identified safety threats have been eliminated.	Very good permanency status	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child is in a family setting that the child, caregivers and case workers believe is lifelong; a plan is in place to maintain safety and stability; the child, if old enough, and the caregiver(s) are committed to the plan; and adoption/guardianship/ issues, if any, are near resolution. – OR – Child is in stable living situation with own parents (not a trial reunification) and identified safety threats are being controlled through an in-home safety plan.	Good permanency status	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child is in a family setting that the child, caregivers and case workers believe could endure lifelong; a plan is in place to ensure safety and stability is achieved, and the child, if old enough, and the caregiver(s) are committed to the plan; and adoption/guardianship/reunification issues, if any, are being addressed; – OR – Child is in temporary placement but transition is planned and child is ready to move to identified safe, appropriate, caregivers who are willing to provide legal permanency; a child and family plan for safety and permanency is being implemented; and the child, if old enough, and caregiver(s) are committed to the plan.	Fair permanency status	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child is in a family setting that the child, caregivers and casework team feel could endure lifelong; they are developing a plan to achieve safety and stability, and it is uncertain if the relationship will be formalized legally; – OR – Child is in a temporary placement, and likelihood of reunification or a legally permanent home is uncertain; adoption/guardianship issues are being assessed; and concurrent permanency plan(s), if any, are uncertain or problematic.	Uncertain permanency status	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child is living in a home that is not likely to endure or is moving from home-to-home due to safety and stability problems, failure to resolve adoption/guardianship issues, or because the home is unacceptable to the child; – OR – Child remains in temporary home without a realistic or achievable legal permanency goal; and concurrent permanency plan(s), if any, have stalled or failed.	Poor permanency status	<input type="checkbox"/>

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