**DISPOSITION CHECK LIST**

* HEARING SHALL BE NO LATER THAN 14 DAYS FROM ENTRY OF ORDER OF DEPENDENCY
* PERSONS WHO SHOULD BE AT THE HEARING
	+ Parties
	+ GAL/CASA are not required to attend if agreed

**EVIDENCE THE COURT MUST CONSIDER**

* Court must hear from the parties and read the Court Report

**KEY DECISIONS**

* What services will be provided to address the safety threat and promote reunification
* Placement of child;
	+ If in home what protective supports are present to protect the child
	+ If out of home, Court must address whether the Department made reasonable efforts to prevent Removal and ensure the health, welfare and safety of the child

**REFERENCES**

25 U.S.C 1911

RCW 13.34.110 (4)

RCW 13.34.120

RCW 13.34.125

RCW 13.34.130

JUCR 3.8

ER 1101

SAFETY MANUAL

**Visitation – Helpful Tips**

* Have all parties be identified at beginning of hearing
* Acknowledge caregivers at the end of hearing
* Identify what written materials you have reviewed
* Explain what the acronyms mean
* Inquire whether parties have exchanged contact information with Department and Gal/Casa
* Encourage parents and children (if appropriate)

**WHO ARE THE PARTICIPANTS?**

* Parents including presumed and anyone with legal custody
* Attorneys for Parents, Child (if appropriate) AAG, Tribal Attorney If Tribe intervened.
* Gal/Casa
* Tribal Representative
* Child
* Social Worker
* Caregivers
* Witnesses

 **WHAT EVIDENCE MUST THE COURT MUST CONSIDER?**

* Must hear from all parties and read Court Report
* Other evidence presented may be Gal reports, Police reports and or Treatment reports

**KEY DECISIONS**

* What services need to be provided to the parents and child to address the safety threats
* Can the child be returned home?
* Has DCYF made reasonable efforts to eliminate or prevent out of home placement
* Is the out of home placement the least restrictive and age appropriate to the child
* Is the placement the parents preferred placement
* Has DCYF made reasonable efforts to ensure health safety and welfare interests of the child, including
* Education and sibling visitation
* Does the visitation plan address the safety threats and promote reunification?
* Should the case be set for an early permanency planning hearing