



**Superior Court of the State of Arizona
Pima County Juvenile Court
2225 E. AJO WAY,
Tucson, Arizona 85713-6295**

NON-APPEARANCE/PAPER REVIEWS PROTOCOL

- I. Types of possible cases, to be set in the Court's discretion
 - A. Adoptions (child legally free, in stable adoptive placement)
 - B. DDD (child in stable placement, no service issues)
 - C. Child on runaway (in such status at least three months)
 - D. AYAP, child turning 18 and does not wish to attend hearing
 - E. Long-term foster care (on alternating basis with court hearing)
 - F. Case progressing well toward reunification (on alternating basis with court hearing)
 - G. Other cases, to be set in the assigned judge's discretion

- II. Procedure
 - A. At any post-adjudication hearing, the Court and parties may agree to the next Dependency Review proceeding as a non-appearance hearing.
 - B. A hearing will be set on the calendar but designated as non-appearance.
 - C. The Minute entry will include, and all parties will follow this procedure:
 1. The Department shall deliver a Progress Report and current disclosure (in accordance with the Disclosure policy) to the assigned judge, and the Progress Report to all parties no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled Dependency Review non-appearance hearing. If a report is not timely submitted, the hearing will be held.
 2. The attorney for the child (or the attorney's court approved agent), after having face-to-face contact with the child, shall file a Report to Court, no later than five working days prior to the scheduled Dependency Review, outlining what contacts the attorney has had with the child and if there exist any issues with regard to treatment, services, or placement of the child which require any further consideration.
 3. The parties are granted leave to submit a Request for Hearing to the assigned judge at any time they believe that such a hearing should be held.
 4. Any party may file objections to any submitted report prior to the non-appearance hearing.
 - D. The Court will review the agency Progress Report, along with any other disclosure submitted by the assigned case manager, and the pleadings filed by counsel for the child and/or any other party. If no Request for Hearing has been filed, the Court will admit the Progress Report by stipulation as Court's exhibit 1 (one), make findings, including the reasonable efforts

finding, and enter orders based on the pleadings and documents filed. If there is a Request for Hearing, the court will set an appearance Dependency Review.

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