

APPENDIX B

TIMELINE FOR CHINS AND TPR

- **CHINS Petition** – A petition alleging the child is a CHINS must be filed before the detention hearing. **IC 31-34-10-2(i)**
- **Detention hearing** – Must be held within 48 hours of child's removal (excluding weekends and holidays) **IC 31-34-5-1**
- **Initial hearing** – If a detention hearing is held under IC 31-34-5, the initial hearing on the CHINS Petition shall be held at the same time as the detention hearing. **IC 31-34-10-2**
- **Fact finding** – Must be held within 60 days of filing of CHINS Petition. Time for completion of the fact-finding hearing may be extended for an additional sixty (60) days if all parties consent. **IC 31-34-11-1**. If the parent admits to the CHINS at the initial hearing, judgment is entered at that time. **IC 31-34-10-8**. The fact-finding hearing may be held immediately after the initial hearing if the parties consent.
- **Continuance of entry of judgment** – At the close of all of the evidence and before entering judgment, the court may continue the case for not more than twelve (12) months. However, if the child, parent, guardian, custodian, or DCS requests judgment be entered, the court must enter judgment within thirty (30) days the request is made. **IC 31-34-11-4**
- **Dispositional Hearing** – Must be completed within 30 days from CHINS finding. **IC 31-34-19-1**. If the allegations of a petition have been admitted, the juvenile court may hold a dispositional hearing immediately after the initial hearing if the parties consent. **IC 31-34-10-9**.
- **Progress reports** -- DCS must file a progress report every three months from date dispositional order is entered. **IC 31-34-21-1**.
- **Review hearings** – Must be held every 6 months from the date of the child's removal from the parent or from the date of the dispositional decree; whichever comes first. **IC 31-34-21-2**.
- **Permanency hearing** – Court must at least hold (1) within 30 days after a court finds that reasonable efforts to reunify or preserve a child's family are not required; or (2) every 12 months after the date of the original dispositional decree or the date of child's removal, whichever comes first. **IC 31-34-21-7(a)**.