THE PROCESS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY*

	What's Happening	Changes in Thinking	Changes in Behavior	Implications for Case Planning
Phase 1: Denial	Parent denies connection between substance abuse and DHS/child welfare involvement; denial protects parent against guilt, shame and fear	May blame the child welfare system, others for the consequences of substance abuse May be in precontemplation stage of change*	Often not evident but parent may participate in screening/assess ment or enroll in treatment or attend recovery group if mandated Continued AOD** use	Provide basic education on the effects and impact of substance abuse Offer hope Discuss benefits of participation in treatment Remove barriers to enrolling in treatment Use motivational interviewing process*** Help parent see discrepancy between their goals and values and their current behaviors If parent continues to resist treatment, consider seeking court ordered treatment
Phase 2: Transition	Parent thinks about cutting back or entering treatment/pre pares to enter treatment If in treatment, parent participates in substance abuse education, counseling and mutual support	Parent accepts need to address relationship between substance use and life problems Begins to accept responsibility for destructive behaviors and consequences May be ambivalent about treatment Post-acute withdrawal symptoms may include foggy thinking, irritability, depression and anxiety****	Participates in screening and assessment Enters and participates in treatment, though may be inconsistent Intermittent substance use Continued post-withdrawal symptoms can include poor sleep, intense hunger, persistent cravings, depression, mood swings	Discuss with the family team the process of recovery and importance of treatment involvement Encourage the parent's relationship with the treatment provider Encourage family members to participate in family education at treatment program Discuss with parent new coping strategies that they are learning in treatment and offer continuous encouragement for parent's use of these strategies If parent leaves program or continues to use substances in treatment, discuss with the treatment provider whether parent needs a more intensive treatment modality ("step up"), a referral to physician for medication support, or medically managed detox Adjust other case plan demands (avoid "front loading" services) during first month or more following AOD withdrawal Address concrete barriers to treatment (e.g., child care, transportation) and abstinence (reduce other stressors, assist parent in accessing other supportive services, change living environment) Insure ongoing family interaction consistent with child safety (if children not living with parent) Communicate with treatment program to share information about parent's child welfare goals, service needs and compliance as well as to understand the parent's AOD treatment goals

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Phase 3: Early Recovery	Parent completes substance abuse education, continues in treatment In most cases, formal treatment ends, parent may "step down" to less intensive treatment and eventually to aftercare, including mutual support groups	Parent can discuss personal triggers to substance use Parent working on changing destructive thinking behaviors and negative emotional reactions Self-esteem improves with extended abstinence Parent able to discuss impact of addiction on personal lives (though perhaps not ready to face the full impact on children)	Regular participation in treatment Reduction and discontinuation of substance use Improvements in personal hygiene, if lacking Reuse or relapse may occur – can be part of recovery if parent re-engages in recovery process***** Parent demonstrates an ability to develop and follow a safety plan which includes relapse prevention planning Parenting skills improving	Can increase focus on other case plan requirements, including improving parent-child relationship and parenting skills training Include parent's relapse prevention plan in safety planning Secure psychiatric/psychological evaluation for underlying mental illnesses if symptoms noted after period of abstinence Assist parent in entering "step down" treatment Attend discharge staffing at the treatment facility Recognize that transitions between treatment and/or aftercare pose a substantial risk for relapse— parents need additional support, contact, encouragement and assistance during transitions. Help parent find mutual support group and sponsor before discharge Continue to assess child safety
Phase 4: Ongoing Recovery	Parent has six to nine months of recovery experience Parent's task is to maintain abstinence and recovery, reinforce and expand support systems, make significant changes in relationships and lifestyle, and address long term goals	Parent acknowledges that recovery is a life-long process which requires active engagement with mutual support systems, sustained relapse prevention, and anticipation of stress Parent acknowledges impact of past substance use on children and parenting	Parent maintains abstinence; if reuse occurs, resumes recovery process Parent works on repairing relationships Family roles are re-negotiated Parent pursues vocational/educational goals	Parent-child relationship should be major focus of case planning Parent may need information and feedback about appropriate developmental expectations for child If child not living with parent, increase care-giving demands (e.g., increase visits, support of caregiver, participation in child's school and doctor visits) Family team involved in safety and relapse prevention planning; all parties aware that isolation is an early warning sign of relapse. Family counseling may be needed Family may continue to need supportive in-home services to deal with crises

^{*} Prochaska and DiClemente Stages of Change Model **Alcohol or Other Drugs ***Miller, W. R. and Rollnick, S. *Motivational Interviewing* (1991)

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^{****}Gorski, T. Passages through Recovery: An Action Plan for Preventing Relapse (1989) *****see Wright, J. "Substance Dependence" presentation for Iowa DHS, reviewed 4/28/09

INDICATORS FOR PROGRESS IN THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY PROCESS Illinois DCFS of the Inspector General¹

Purpose of the Progress Matrix

The purpose of the Progress Matrix is to assist child welfare decision makers to assess the level of progress over time of a parent involved in the substance abuse recovery process.² Assessing the level of progress in recovery is one critical piece of determining the parent's overall progress, whether it be toward return home of a child in substitute care or toward complying with an order of protection to allow the child to remain safely in the parent's custody. The child welfare worker may use the matrix as a visual tool for working with the patent to set goals and evaluate progress. The child welfare supervisor can use the matrix to structure supervision with workers on substance abuse cases. Both the child welfare and substance abuse caseworkers can use the matrix to structure discussions in collaborative service planning. Judges and attorneys can use the matrix to structure questions for in-court testimony and come to decisions and make findings regarding the level of progress during court reviews.

Progress Indicators

The Progress Matrix adopt the predominant model of substance abuse treatment, which views long term abstinence as primary goal. Abstinence alone, however, is insufficient to support recovery. Recovery also requires a long-term series of changes in thinking and behavior, and maintaining those changed over time. The Progress Matrix specifies measurable criteria for assessing whether those changed have been made.

The progress matrix consists of four matrices which cover three month period of time in recovery. The horizontal tows consist of up to nine indicators of progress in recovery: 1) substance abuse treatment; 2) substance abuse education; 3) participation n recovery support systems; 4) abstinence; 5) other child welfare service plan compliance; 6) parent-child visiting (if the child is in substitute care); 7) parental skills/parental functioning; 8) other interpersonal relationships; and 9) life skills building. Because some indicators are only relevant in the early or late phases of recovery, not all indicators appear on each matrix. Because the matrix focuses on cognitive and behavioral changes, it is applicable regardless of the parent's level of care (e.g., residential vs. intensive outpatient treatment). Nevertheless, the intensity of the treatment is likely to affect the rate of progress.

<u>Determining Time in Recovery.</u> The first step in using the progress matrix is to determine the client's length of time in recovery and locate the corresponding matrix. Time in recovery begins

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² Substance abuse recovery involves not only attaining and maintaining abstinence but also change in one's thinking and behavior. The process of recovery begins with a person's acceptance that there is a need to stop using alcohol or other drugs. The next step is entrance into and completion of formal substance abuse treatment, followed by participation in aftercare services. Recovery is maintained by involvement in recovery support systems, including fellowship meetings (AA, NA) or community support group. Treatment programs, aftercare and recovery support groups provide structure and support for developing insight into the person's addiction, identifying triggers for use, developing a relapse prevention plan, and developing competency in life skills, such as employment and parenting skills.

when the parent enters formal treatment and continues through discharge from treatment and the parent's progression through aftercare and ongoing community support. As long as the parent stays in treatment or follows recommendations for aftercare and/or support, the recovery clock keeps running even if the parents continues to use drugs intermittently. Continued drug use and/or periodic relapse will, however, affect the parent's level and rate of progress. When a parent leaves and remain out of treatment for an extended period of time, the "recovery clock" should be viewed as having stopped at the point of leaving treatment. Once the parent again presents him or herself for treatment, and reassessment determines that the parent has retained some of the previous gains, the recovery clock will resume ticking from the point at which the parents left treatment. Otherwise, recovery clock begins at zero months again.

Measuring progress toward abstinence. According to American heritage College Dictionary (3rd ed.) ,abstinence is the act of refraining from something by one's own choice. As described above, progress toward abstinence begins with decreased frequency of drug use, followed by short periods of "clean times" and relapse, followed by prolonged periods of abstinence with fewer episodic relapses. Achieving a period of abstinence involves making a cognitive and behavioral commitment to stop using drugs. Absent these changes, cessation of drug use for a brief period of time (e.g., because of lack of availability of the drug or brief period of incarceration- does not constitute progress toward abstinence. A period of one month without drug use is the first significant measure of progress toward achieving abstinence. Because most drugs are quickly metabolized in the body, "clean time" cannot be reliably measured solely by blood or urine toxicologies or with a breathalyzer unless the client is confined in a tightly controlled setting and is tested daily at random intervals. Even if available, the utility of such measurements would be limited, because they would tell very little about the person's ability to maintain abstinence outside of a highly structured setting and certainly not under the daily pressures which face most child welfare clients. Likewise, although treatment researchers have established the reliability and validity of client's self reports of drug use to impartial researchers (where there is no negative consequence for truthfulness), self report of clean time to one's own child welfare caseworker is apt. to be far less reliable. Therefore, the probability that the parent is actually experiencing "clean time" is best evaluated by a combination of random urine toxicologies, self reports, by observation by treatment providers and caseworkers of behavioral indicators such as positive changes in hygiene and grooming, improved functioning in daily life (absent underlying untreated psychological or physical disorder), and by improved consistency in compliance with drug treatment and child welfare service plan requirements.

Some people are able to achieve significant "clean time" but do not make the changes in behavior necessary to support long-term recovery which will be necessary for the parent to provide a safe environment for a child. The progress matrix provides a visual picture of the simultaneous changes in thinking and behavior which must be made in order to maintain recovery. In sum, no single category should be viewed in isolation, especially not abstinence.

<u>Determining level of progress.</u> Indicators of "poor", "some", "moderate", and "substantial" progress are indicated by vertical rows. (n.b., in the Nine to Twelve Month matrix, the levels of progress are condensed the three—poor, some to moderate, and substantial). Since progress within and across spheres in not necessarily linear, the indicators for a parent may not line up perfectly within a single progress column, but should give an overall picture of the progress attained to date. Arrows between items within a cell indicate an expected progression over time. For example, the "some progress" cell on the Zero the Three Month matrix indicates that a client should be progress from reduction of initial resistance and defensiveness through completion of assessment and acceptance of the referral, to entry into treatment and perhaps sporadic

attendance. Until attendance becomes more consistent (see "moderate progress" on the Zero to Three Months matrix), the client is considered to have make "some progress" in the first three months.

Whether "some", moderate", or "substantial" progress is sufficient to meet the legal tests of "reasonable progress" or "substantial progress" will depend on the reasons the children were removed from their homes, and the parent's progress in other service plan requirements, and the amount of time which has elapsed.

Inclusion of Alcoholics Anonymous/disease model expectations. The progress indicators for participation in recovery support systems include references to AA/NA/CA meeting and the "12 Steps". Many, but by no means all, treatment programs use these strategies. We have included these indicators in the matrix in part because of their widespread use and because parents who are "working their programs" will use this language with their workers. More importantly, social support is critical in the recovery process, and if not attending meeting based on the AA model, parents should be maintaining frequent and regular contact with a community- or faith-based support group.

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INDIC	CATORS FOR PRO	GRESS IN THE SUBSTAN	NCE ABUSE RECOVERY PROC	ESS: ZERO TO THREE MONTHS
0-3 Months	Poor Progress	Some Progress	Moderate Process	Substantial Progress
Substance Abuse Treatment	Parent remains in denial of substance abuse/addiction and has not completed substance abuse screen	Reduction of initial resistance and defensiveness. Completed Adult Substance Abuse Screen. Parent has completed substance abuse assessment and has accepted treatment referral Parent has entered substance abuse treatment. Sporadic attendance in substance abuse treatment.	Attendance in substance abuse treatment becomes more consistent Improvements in personal hygiene	Regular attendance in substance abuse treatment Parent has accepted the negative consequences of substance abuse. Parent is thinking more clearly and is able to verbalize consequences of continued substance abuse. If applicable, parent has participated in collaborative service planning meeting with child welfare worker and substance abuse treatment worker. If parent is ready for discharge: Parent has developed relapse prevention plan. Parent has developed aftercare plans. If parent has been discharged: Parent is attending after care services at a treatment facility and or attending self help or community support groups
Substance Abuse Education	Parent remains in denial of substance abuse and has not entered treatment / substance abuse education classes.	Parent has recently entered substance abuse treatment and substance abuse education classes.	Attending substance abuse education classes on addiction and recovery. Acknowledges need for insight into personal addiction.	Parent is receiving or has completed substance abuse education classes. Has gained insight into personal addiction. Parent is able to discuss the impact of substance abuse on parenting behaviors.
Participation in Recovery Support Systems	No current participation in recovery support groups	Has received education on 12 Step / Recovery Support Group Meetings	Has mapped out 12 Step (AA/CA/NA) or community recovery support group	Has attended a 12 Step / Support Group at the treatment program. ◆ All clients are not ready to participate in 12 Step / Support Groups during the early months of treatment / recovery
Abstinence	Actively abusing drugs	Parent has decreased substance abuse. Parent is able to self - report relapse.	Fewer episodes of relapse and is able to discuss triggers.	Parent has developed a specific relapse prevention plan. Parent <i>may</i> have achieved abstinence.
Other Service Plan Provision Compliance	Parent is non- compliant with service plan: • Visiting with workers • Other assessments	Parent is inconsistent in meeting service plan conditions.	Parent is consistently working on service plan conditions.	Parent is currently in compliance with service plan conditions.
Family Interaction	Parent does not participate in family interaction plan (visitation)	Parent inconsistently participates in family interaction.	Parent consistently carries out family interaction plan.	Parent consistently carries out family interaction plan.
Parental Skills / Parental Functioning		s custody of the child must for e impact of substance abuse of	ollow a child safety plan but may on parenting.	Parent may begin to identify the impact of substance abuse on parenting.

3-6 Months	Poor Progress	Some Progress	Moderate Process	Substantial Progress
Substance Abuse Treatment	No current participation in substance abuse treatment Parent may have initially engaged in treatment but left against staff advise.	Parent is inconsistent in attending substance abuse treatment Within this time frame the parent could become more consistent. Improvements in personal hygiene.	Parent's continued progress is demonstrated in: Consistent attendance Ability to identify triggers Self-report of drug-free time, meeting attendance, and certificates of achievements. Improvement in personal hygiene and self esteem Greater insight into substance	Parent's attendance in substance abuse treatment is consistent and has demonstrated compliance with treatment plan and is preparing for discharge. Developing and discussing aftercare plans with treatment provider (may occur at this time due to extended length of stay or residential treatment.)
			abuse / addiction ◆ Developed a specific relapse prevention plan.	If parent has been discharged: Parent is consistently participating in after care services and working with a specific relapse prevention plan.
Participation in Recovery Support Systems	No current participation in recovery support groups.	Attends initial recovery support meeting (AA/CA/NA) or initial community support group	Increased attendance in AA/CA/NA meetings or support group meetings. Working on Steps 1 & 2 of the 12 Steps of AA/NA; parent is able to discuss the process of recovery. Parent is letting go of	Regular attendance in self-help meetings. Developing relationships with recovering role models/mentors. Parent has chosen 12 Step Sponsor or community support person. Increasing involvement in drug free
			relationships with substance abusers and developing sober friendships.	activities, recovery support systems, sober relationships, and/or community activities.
Abstinence	Parent is currently abusing drugs	Parent is able to self report relapse. Fewer episodes of relapse and the parent is able to discuss triggers.	Parent has recently achieve abstinence (At least 30 days)	Parent has achieved a sustained period of abstinence.
Service Plan Compliance	Parent is non- compliant with service plan: Visiting with worker Other assessments	Parent is inconsistent in meeting service plan conditions.	Parent is consistently working on service plan conditions.	Parent is currently in compliance with service plan conditions.
Visiting	Parent inconsistently carries out family interaction plan.	Parent is consistent in family interaction.	Parent demonstrates increased parenting responsibility during family interaction.	Parent demonstrates increased parenting responsibility during family interaction.
Parental Skills / Parental Functioning	Parent is unwilling or unable to acknowledge impact of drug use on parenting.	Parent begins to acknowledge the impact of drug use on parenting.	Parent acknowledges impact of drug use on parenting and identifying parenting deficits.	Parent is able to identify parenting deficits and strengths. Parent is developing parenting goals.

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6-9 Months	Poor Progress	Some Progress	Moderate Process	Substantial Progress
Substance Abuse Treatment	Currently not participating in substance abuse treatment (parent left treatment).	Parent is more consistent in attendance. Parent is able to identify triggers. Self-report of drug free time, meeting attendance, and certificates of achievements. Continued improvement in personal hygiene and selfesteem. Parent has gained greater insight into substance abuse /	Consistent attendance in substance abuse treatment; has demonstrated compliance with treatment plan. Verbalizes a greater awareness of intense emotions and triggers. Uses new coping skills learned in substance abuse treatment or 12 Step support groups. Has developed a specific relapse prevention plan. Developing / discussing aftercare plans with treatment provider (may	Regular attendance in formal substance abuse treatment. Parent has entered after care services. Parent consistent in follow through with after care services. Parent is consistently working on relapse prevention plans.
		addiction.	occur at this time due to extended length of stay or residential treatment).	
Participation in Recovery Support Systems	No current participation in recovery support group.	Attends 12 Step recovery support meeting or community support groups. Has increased participation in	Consistently working on the 12 Steps program with sponsor / consistently attending community support.	Parent is consistently working 12 Step Program, attending self-help meetings, and maintaining contact with sponsor.
		self-help meetings or community recovery support groups. Has chosen sponsor.	Actively working on relapse prevention with after care provider, sponsor or recovery support person.	Parent is applying Steps 1-3 in daily life (AA/CA/NA). Parent is discussing long-term goals and setting time frames with support persons.
Abstinence	Parent is currently abusing drugs	Parent has decreased substance abuse and self-reports relapse.	Parent has recently achieved abstinence.	Parent continues to maintain abstinence.
		Has fewer episodes of relapse and has developed a specific relapse prevention plan.	Parent has sustained periods of abstinence.	
Service Plan Compliance	Parent is non- compliant with service plan.	Parent is inconsistent in meeting service plan conditions.	Parent is consistently working on service plan conditions.	Parent is currently in compliance with service plan conditions.
Family Interaction	Parent inconsistently participates in family interaction.	Parent is consistent in family interaction.	Consistently participating and demonstrating increased parenting responsibility during family interaction.	Consistently participating and demonstrating increased parenting responsibility during family interaction.
Parental Skills / Parental Functioning	Parent is unwilling or unable to acknowledge impact of drug use on parenting.	Parent begins to acknowledge the impact of drug use on parenting. Acknowledges the impact of drug use on parenting.	Parent identifies parenting deficits and strengths and sets parenting goals Parent is working on parenting goals	Parent is working on parenting goals. Parent is achieving one or more parenting goal(s).

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9-12 Months	Poor Progress	Some To Moderate Progress	Substantial Progress
Participation in Recovery Support Systems	Parent does not currently participate in mutual help / recovery support groups. Parent is not actively engaged with a sponsor	Parent has increased participation in mutual help/recovery support groups. Has chosen sponsor Has made more consistent contact with sponsor. Works on the 12 Steps program with sponsor. Actively works on relapse prevention with after care provider, sponsor or recovery support person.	Parent consistently participates in mutual help meetings/recovery support groups. Consistently working on the 12 Step program with sponsor or with a community support person. Parent is engaged in sober relationships and activities. Has accepted the maintenance phase of recovery is a lifelong responsibility.
Abstinence	Parent is currently abusing drugs	Has fewer episodes of relapse and has developed a specific relapse prevention plan. Parent has recently achieved abstinence.	Parent has sustained periods of abstinence. ↓ Parent continues to maintain abstinence.
Service Plan Compliance	Parent is non- compliant with service plan.	Parent is inconsistent in meeting service plan conditions; i.e., attending parent training, counseling, keeping assessment appointments.	Parent is consistently working on service plan conditions.
Family interaction	Parent inconsistently participates in family interaction.	Parent consistently participates in family interaction.	Parent consistently participates and demonstrates increased parenting responsibility during family interaction.
Parental Skills / Parental Functioning Interpersonal	Parent is unwilling or unable to acknowledge impact of drug use on parenting. Parent beginning to acknowledge the impact of drug use on parenting. No attempts to	Parent acknowledges the impact of drug use on parenting. Parent identifies parenting deficits and strengths and sets parenting goals. Parent is working on parenting goals. Parent is demonstrating improved parental functioning. Minimal attempts to address interpersonal	Parent maintains improved parenting functioning and continuing to work on parenting goals. Parent is actively addressing interpersonal conflicts
Relationships	address interpersonal conflicts with family members.	conflicts with family members.	with family members.
Skill Building	No participation in skill building training.	Parent has entered skill building training.	Parent consistently participates in skill building training.

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Recovery Matrix – Intact Cases

Indicators for Progress in Substance Abuse Recovery and Parenting Responsibilities

Recovery from substance abuse involves not only attaining and maintaining abstinence but also changing one's thinking, behavior, and sustaining those changes over time. When measuring progress in recovery, it is important to keep in mind a child's sense of time, the parent's progress in treatment, and the behaviors parents demonstrate that are consistent with good parenting, such as active participation in their child's health, educational and developmental activities. Moreover, in order to successfully close an intact case, the caseworker must document activities and observations that indicate a parent's progress in substance abuse recovery and the resumption of positive parenting responsibilities. The recovery matrix worksheets provide caseworkers, parents, and the court (when necessary) with criteria, guidelines and a visual representation for assessing and discussing a parent's progress in recovery and movement toward case closure over a 12-month period.

DIRECTIONS

• Following case opening, the assigned caseworker meets with the parent to introduce the recovery matrix and explain its use. There are five separate recovery matrix forms: Baseline 0-45 days, 45 - 90 days, 3-6 months, 6-9 months, and 9-12 months. These forms are used together sequentially to monitor and assess a parent's progress through the first 12 months following case opening. The caseworker completes these forms with and the parent at the designated time frames.

In some instances, substance abuse issues are identified subsequent to the intact case being opened. Once identified, caseworkers are to complete the matrix worksheet that corresponds with the timeline following the case open date. For example, at eight months into the case, the caseworker identifies a substance abuse issue. The caseworker completes the six to nine month worksheet and indicates the date and circumstances surrounding how the substance abuse issue was identified in the Lack of Progress column. Any additional comments are to be made on the notes page.

- After introducing the recovery matrix at the caseworker's initial contact with the parent (e.g., 48 hour meeting), the caseworker meets with the parent to complete the appropriate Recovery Matrix worksheet (CFS 440-10) at the following times:
 - o Prior to the 45 day Service Plan in order to establish a baseline using the 0 45 day Baseline Matrix
 - o At the end of 90 days using the 45 90 day matrix
 - o At the end of 180 (6 months) using the 3 6 month matrix
 - \circ At the end of nine months from case opening using the 6 9 month matrix
 - O At the end of 12 months from case opening using the 9 to 12 month matrix NOTE: When the case is opened beyond 12 months, continue to use this matrix at three-month intervals as long as the case remains open.
- In addition to the parent's self report, the caseworker must examine additional sources of information to support completion of the recovery matrix: monthly treatment progress reports- completed by the substance abuse treatment agency, urinallysis reports, other professional collaterals, and family members.
- The caseworker should place check marks at the appropriate level of progress in both the Substance Abuse Treatment and Parenting Responsibilities columns. **Check all that apply.**

Note: although the parent may be showing a lack of progress in one area, there may be partial progress in another. For example, a parent may be showing a lack of progress in parenting responsibilities and partial progress in substance abuse treatment. The Recovery Matrix provides the caseworker an opportunity to acknowledge the parent's strengths and progress as well as areas of needed improvement. Because recovery is not always a linear process a parent may experience periods of ambivalence and relapse. The goal is to complete substantial progress at the end of each interval in order to ensure the child's safety and to successfully close the intact case.

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• The completed Recovery Matrix is signed by the caseworker and parent and then reviewed and signed by the supervisor. Each participant receives a copy before being filed. Caseworkers submit the completed Recovery Matrix with other required documentation to court personnel if court involved.

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Baseline Matrix-Zero – 45 days: (Complete prior to 45 day Service Plan) Please use Notes Section (final page) to document significant events/concerns.

	Substance Abuse Treatment	1
Lack of Progress	Partial Progress	Substantial Progress
Parent: Continued to use and/or remains in denial of substance abuse/ addiction Had less than 50% clean urinalysis results Substance Exposed Infant born subsequent to case opening Date: Date:	Parent: Failed to consistently meet with caseworker Completed substance abuse assessment but has not yet followed recommendations or entered treatment Had more than 50% clean urinalysis results Self-reported abstinence for consecutive days	Parent: Entered residential treatment- movement has not been restricted Entered recommended outpatient treatment Attending at least 80% of sessions Self-reported abstinence for the past 30 days Had all clean urinalysis for past 30 days
Other:	Other:	Other:
	Parenting Responsibilities	
Lack of Progress	Partial Progress	Substantial Progress
Parent failed to: Be contacted/meet with caseworker Arrange for immunizations and medical care appointments Arrange for appropriate child care Enroll child in Head Start or other early intervention programs Attend school conferences Use non-physical forms of discipline	Parent was inconsistently able to: Be contacted//meet with caseworker Arrange immunizations and/or schedule medical care appointments Ensure child's attendance in Head Start and school Attend school conferences Arrange for appropriate child care Use non-physical forms of discipline	Parent consistently able to: Participate in the development of the Comprehensive Service Plan Complete all scheduled immunizations Engage in educational, health and developmental appointments Arrange/attend routine scheduled medical appointments Ensure child's attendance in Head Start and school Use non-physical forms of discipline Arrange for appropriate caregivers
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Indicators for Progress in Substance Abuse Recovery and Parenting Responsibilities

45 – 90 Days from Case Opening (Complete at the end of 90 days- 3 months) Please use Notes Section (final page) to document significant events/o

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Supervisor's Signature & Date:		(90 days)
Parent's Signature & Date		✓ Signed by parent, caseworker and supervisor before being filed.

Recovery Matrix – Intact Cases

Indicators for Progress in Substance Abuse Recovery and Parenting Responsibilities

Three to 6 Months from Case Opening (Complete at end of 6 months)

Please use Notes Section (final page) to document significant events/concerns.

Substance Abuse Treatment			
Lack of Progress	Partial Progress	Substantial Progress	
Parent: Failed to meet with caseworker Continued to use and/or remains in denial of substance abuse/ addiction Failed to obtain substance abuse assessment Failed to follow recommendations of substance abuse assessment Had less than 50% clean urinalysis results Initially engaged in treatment but left against staff advice (ASA) Discharged from treatment program for antisocial behavior and/or numerous unexcused absences Failed to attended 12-Step or other community support groups Substance abuse issues were not identified until the following Date: Substance Exposed Infant born subsequent to case opening Date:	Parent: Entered residential treatment & movement not restricted Entered outpatient treatment, attended 50% of outpatient treatment sessions with few unexcused absences Developed relapse prevention plan Identified relapse triggers and discussed them with worker and/or family members Identified and/or started attending 12-Step meetings or other community support groups Identified 12-Step sponsor or community support person(s) Able to self report relapse Self-reported abstinence for 30 days Had clean urinalysis for the past 30 days Began building a drug-free support network Program and/or family members have reported that parent: Acknowledged the impact substance	Parent: Successfully completed treatment or stepped down to a lower level of treatment If still in treatment, attendance exceeds 80 % Informed worker and or family of aftercare & relapse plans Regularly attended 12-Step or other community support groups Has 12-Step sponsor or other community support person(s) Self-reported abstinence for the past 60 days Had all clean urinalysis for past 60 days Involved in drug-free/sober relationships and/or activities Established a drug-free support network (Include: job training, employment readiness, employment, school, YMCA, church, etc) Reciprocated positive support received from non-drug using family and friends	
Date	abuse had on child's well being and the quality of family relations Improved insight into effects of substance abuse	have offered Continued improved insight into effects of substance abuse	
Lack of Progress	Parenting Responsibilities Partial Progress	Substantial Progress	
Parent failed to: Failed to meet with caseworker Arrange for immunizations and medical care appointments Arrange/attend 0-3 screen Arrange for appropriate child care Enroll child in Head Start or other early intervention programs Attend school conferences Use non-physical forms of discipline	Parent was inconsistently able to: Be contacted//meet with caseworker Arrange immunizations and/or schedule medical care appointment Arrange/attend 0-3 screens Ensure child's attendance in Head Start and school Attend school conferences Arrange for appropriate child care Use non-physical forms of discipline	Parent consistently able to: Engage/participate in Comprehensive Service Plan recommendation Completed all scheduled immunizations Volunteer (Head-Start, school, etc.) Attended 0-3 screen/recom. services Engage in educational, health and developmental appointments Arrange/attend routine scheduled medical appointments Ensure child's attendance in Head Start and school Use non-physical forms of discipline Arrange for appropriate caregivers Other:	
Caseworker's Signature & Date: Supervisor's Signature & Date: Parent's Signature & Date This page of the form is to be: Completed at the end of 6 Months Signed by parent, caseworker and supervisor before being filed.			

Recovery Matrix – Intact Cases

Indicators for Progress in Substance Abuse Recovery and Parenting Responsibilities

Six to 9 Months from Case Opening (Complete at end of 9 months)

Please use Notes Section (final page) to document significant events.

Substance Abuse Treatment			
Lack of Progress	Partial Progress	Substantial Progress	
Parent: Failed to meet with caseworker Unable to be contacted/located Continued to use and/or remains in denial of substance abuse/ addiction Failed to obtain substance abuse assessment Participated in substance abuse treatment, but currently not in TX, or left against staff advice (ASA) Discharged from treatment for non-compliance, aggressive behavior, antisocial behavior and/or numerous unexcused absences Had less than 50% clean urinalysis results Substance abuse issues were not identified until the following Date: Substance Exposed Infant born subsequent to case opening Date:	Partial Progress Parent: Consistently attended substance abuse treatment with few unexcused absences Self-reported abstinence for the past 60 days Identified 12-Step sponsor or community support person Inconsistently attended 12-Step meetings or other community support group Developed relapse prevention plan, including relapse triggers and discussed them with worker and/or family members If relapse occurred, parent able to self disclose and reengaged in treatment within one week Developed and shared relapse prevention plan with 12-Step sponsor and/or other informal support networks Support system confirmed drug free time Had all clean urinalysis for past 30 days Program and/or family members have reported that parent: Engaged in recommended after care services/activities	Parent: Successfully completed treatment Self-reported abstinence for the past 90 days Consistently worked self help group Attended self-help meetings and maintained regular contact with sponsor or mentor Accepted into a recovery home, transitional living program or is residing with non-drug using relative or friends Involved in drug-free/sober relationships and/or activities Established a drug-free support network (Incl. job or employment readiness training, employment, school, YMCA, church, etc) as evidenced by Support network confirmed drug free time Had all clean urinalysis for past 90 days Reciprocated positive support from non drug using family and friends Program and/or family members have reported that parent: Demonstrated and understands new coping skills learned in treatment or in 12 step groups	
	Parenting Responsibilities	step groups	
Lack of Progress	Partial Progress	Substantial Progress	
Parent failed to: Failed to meet with caseworker Arrange for immunizations and medical care appointments Arrange/attend 0-3 screen Arrange for appropriate child care Enroll child in Head Start or other early intervention programs Attend school conferences Use non-physical forms of discipline	Parent inconsistently able to: Be contacted/meet with caseworker Arrange for immunizations and schedule medical care appointments Arrange/attend 0-3 screen Ensure child's attendance in Head Start and school Attend school conferences Arrange for appropriate child care Use non-physical forms of discipline	Parent was consistently able to: Engage/participate in Comprehensive Service Plan recommendation Completed all scheduled immunizations Arrange/attend 0-3 screen Engage in educational, health and developmental appointments Arrange/attend routine scheduled medical appointments Ensure child's attendance in Head Start and school Use non-physical forms of discipline Arrange for appropriate caregivers Volunteers (Head-Start, school, etc.)	
Other:	Other:	Other:	
Caseworker' Signature & Date: Supervisor's Signature & Date: Parent's Signature & Date:		This page of the form is to be: ✓ Completed at the end of 9 Months. ✓ Signed by parent, caseworker, and supervisor before being filed.	

Recovery Matrix – Intact Cases

Indicators for Progress in Substance Abuse Recovery and Parenting Responsibilities

Nine to 12 Months from Case Opening (Complete quarterly as long as case remains)*

Please use Notes Section (final page) to document significant events/concerns.

Substance Abuse Treatment			
Lack of Progress	Partial Progress	Substantial Progress	
Parent: Failed to contact/meet with caseworker Continued to use and/or remains in denial of substance abuse/ addiction Failed to obtain substance abuse assessment Initially engaged in treatment but prematurely left against staff advice (ASA) Discharged from treatment for noncompliance, aggressive behavior, and/or numerous unexcused absences Had less than 50% clean urinalysis results Substance abuse issues were not identified until the following Date: Substance Exposed Infant born subsequent to case opening Date:	Parent: Consistently attended substance abuse treatment with few unexcused absences Self-reported abstinence for the past 90 days Identified 12-Step sponsor or community support person(s) Inconsistently attended 12-Step or other community support group(s) Developed relapse prevention plan, including relapse triggers and discussed them with worker and/or family members If relapse occurred, parent able to self disclose and reengaged in treatment within one week of relapse Developed/shared a relapse prevention plan with 12-Steps sponsor other informal support networks Support network confirmed drug free time Clean urinalysis for past 60 days Program and/or family members have reported that parent: Engaged in recommended after care services/activities	Parent: Successfully completed treatment Self-reported abstinence for the past 120 days Consistently worked 12-Step and other community support program, attended self-help meetings and maintaining regular contact with sponsor Accepted into a recovery home, transitional living program or is residing with non-drug using relative or friends Involved in drug-free/sober relationships and/or activities Support network confirmed drug free time Had all clean urinalysis for past 120 days Established a drug-free support network (Incl. job or employment readiness training, employment, school, YMCA, etc) as evidenced by Reciprocated positive support received from non drug using family and friends Program and/or family members have reported that parent: Demonstrated and understands new coping skills learned in treatment or in 12 step or other self-help groups as evidenced by	
	Parenting Responsibilities		
Lack of Progress	Partial Progress	Substantial Progress	
Parent failed to: Arrange for immunizations and medical care appointments Arrange/attend 0-3 screen Arrange for appropriate child care Enroll child in Head Start or other early intervention programs Attend school conferences Use non-physical forms of discipline	Parent inconsistently able to: Contact/meet with caseworker Arrange for immunizations and /or schedule medical care appointments Arrange/attend 0-3 screen Ensure child's attendance in Head Start and school Attend school conferences Arrange for appropriate child care Use non-physical forms of discipline Other:	Parent was consistently able to: Completed the majority of services recommended on the Comprehensive Service Plan Complete all schd. immunizations Arrange/attend 0-3 screen Engage in educational, health and developmental appointments Arrange/attend routine scheduled medical appointments Volunteer (Head-Start, school, etc.) Used non-physical forms of discipline Arrange for appropriate caregivers	
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Caseworker's Signature & Date: Supervisor's Signature & Date:		This page of the form is to be: ✓ Completed at the end of 12 Months.*	
Parent's Signature & Date: ✓ Signed by parent, caseworker and supervisor before being filed.			

Notes Section:

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Indicators for Progress in Substance Abuse Recovery and Parenting Responsibilities

Use this section to include information such as additional substance exposed births and other significant events and extenuating circumstances critical to the case. Also use this page to include examples for "as evidenced by."

Case Name & DCFS ID:
Caseworker's Signature & Date:
Supervisor's Signature & Date: Parent's Signature & Date:
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Recovery Matrix – Placement Cases

Indicators for Progress in Substance Abuse Recovery and Parenting Responsibilities

Recovery from substance abuse involves not only attaining and maintaining abstinence but also changing one's thinking, behavior and sustaining those changes over time. When measuring progress in recovery, it's important to keep in mind a child's sense of time, the parent's progress in treatment and the behaviors parents demonstrate that are consistent with good parenting, such as participation in the health, educational and developmental activities. Moreover, in order to increase visitation and eventual family reunification, the caseworker must document activities and observations that indicate a parent's progress in substance abuse recovery and the resumption of positive parenting responsibilities. The recovery matrix worksheets provide caseworkers, parents, and the court with criteria, guidelines and a visual representation for assessing and discussing a parent's progress in recovery and movement toward reunification over a 12-month period. The Recovery matrix uses clear behavioral indicators whenever possible in order to provide a consistent measure of change. By using these indicators, parents, caseworkers and the court have consistent tools to measure progress.

This Recovery Matrix is used in all placement cases where substance abuse has been determined by allegation or when indicated on the substance abuse screen CFS 440-5. Each time the matrix is administered, the caseworker and the parent discuss the parent's progress towards recovery and parenting, unless the parent is unwilling or missing. For questions or assistance, please contact DCFS Service Intervention staff.

DIRECTIONS

Following case opening, the assigned caseworker meets with the parent to introduce the concept of the recovery matrix and to explain its use. There are five separate recovery matrix forms: Baseline 0-45 days, 45 - 90 days, 3-6 months, 6-9 months, and 9-12 months. These forms are used together sequentially to monitor and assess a parent's progress through the first 12 months following case opening. The caseworker completes these forms with and the parent at the designated time frames.

In some instances, substance abuse issues are identified significantly later in the case. Once identified, caseworkers are to complete the matrix worksheet that coincides with the timeline following the TC date. For example, at eight months into the case, the caseworker identifies a substance abuse issue. The caseworker completes the six to nine month worksheet and indicates the date and circumstances surrounding how the substance abuse issue was identified in the Lack of Progress column. Any additional comments are to be made on the notes page.

- After introducing the recovery matrix at the caseworker's initial contact with the parent (e.g., 48 hour meeting), the caseworker meets with the parent to complete the appropriate Recovery Matrix worksheet (CFS 440-9) at the following times:
 - o Prior to the 45 day Service Plan in order to establish a baseline using the 0 45 day Baseline matrix
 - o At the end of 90 days using the 45–90 day matrix
 - o Prior to the first ACR (6 months) using the 3 6 month matrix
 - At nine months from Temporary Custody using the 6 9 month matrix
 - o Prior to the next ACR and Permanency Hearing (Twelve Months from temporary custody) using the 9 to 12 month matrix

NOTE: When the case is opened beyond 12 months, continue to use this matrix at three-month intervals as long as the goal remains return home.

- In addition to the parent's self report, the caseworker must examine additional sources of information to support completion of the recovery matrix: monthly treatment progress reports- completed by the substance abuse treatment agency, urinalysis reports, other professional collaterals, and family members.
- The caseworker should place check marks at the appropriate level of progress in both the Substance Abuse Treatment and Parenting Responsibilities columns. **Check all that apply.**

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Note: although the parent may be showing a lack of progress in one area, there may be partial progress in another. For example, a parent may be showing a lack of progress in parenting responsibilities and partial progress in substance abuse treatment. This process provides the caseworker an opportunity to acknowledge the parent's strengths and progress as well as areas of needed improvement. Because recovery is not always a linear process a parent may experience periods of ambivalence and relapse. The ideal situation would be for a parent to complete substantial progress at the end of each interval in order to obtain unsupervised visitation and eventual reunification.

• The completed Recovery Matrix is signed by the caseworker and parent and then reviewed and signed by the supervisor. Each participant receives a copy before being filed. Caseworkers submit the completed Recovery Matrix with other required documentation to ACR staff and court personnel.

Worker's Signature & Date

Supervisor's Signature & Date

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Indicators for Progress in Substance Abuse Recovery and Parenting Responsibilities

Baseline Matrix: Zero to 45 days from TC (Complete prior to 45 day Service Plan)

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Substance Abuse Treatment - Baseline			
Lack of Progress	Partial Progress	Substa	antial Progress
Parent: Continued to use and/or remains in denial of substance abuse/ addiction Had less than 50% clean urinalysis results Substance Exposed Infant born subsequent to case opening Date: Other:	Parent: Failed to consistently meet with caseworker Completed substance abuse assessment but has not yet followed recommendations or entered treatment Had more than 50% clean urinalysis results Self-reported abstinence for consecutive days Other:	ha En tre At Se da	ntered residential treatment- movement is not been restricted intered recommended outpatient eatment itending at least 80% of sessions off-reported abstinence for the past 30
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	ng and Parenting Responsibilities - Bas		4.17
Parent was notified and did not attend/participate in: T/C hearing Was not notified about TC hearing Court Family Conference Integrated assessment Parent was not notified about TC hearing Parent: Unable to be contacted/located Failed to attend initial visit after T/C was taken Did not visit child (ren) Did not request visits Had not made self-available for services Failed to attend/cancelled visits	Partial Progress Parent has participated in two of the following meetings: T/C hearing Court Family Conference Integrated assessment Parent: Established a visiting plan with worker Had begun to visit child – attendance is sporadic Did not contact worker to reschedule missed visits Failed to attend visits beyond parent's control (i.e. transportation)	Parent I meeting	has participated in the following gs: C hearing court Family Conference tegrated assessment itial 40 day Family Meeting ctively contribute to the development of the Comprehensive Service Plan consistently visited child/ren and tively engaged in critical educational, velopmental and health appointments or child/ren tended Comprehensive Health valuation with Healthworks Primary are Physician tended routine scheduled medical pointments tended Pre-school or Head Start
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Parent's Signature &Date			This page of the form is to be: ✓ Introduced during the first contact

with the parent

Service Plan

Completed prior to the 45 day

Signed by parent, caseworker and supervisor before being filed.

Worker's Signature & Date

Supervisor's Signature & Date

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Indicators for Progress in Substance Abuse Recovery and Parenting Responsibilities

45 – 90 Days from TC (Complete at the end of 90 days- 3 months)

Please use Notes Section (final page) to document significant events/concerns.

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Substance Abuse Treatment			
Lack of Progress	Partial Progress		ntial Progress
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	Visiting and Parenting Responsibilities		
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Parent's Signature &Date			This page of the form is to be: ✓ Introduced during the first contact

with the parent

months (90 days)

Completed at the end of 3

Signed by parent, caseworker and supervisor before being filed.

Recovery Matrix – Placement Cases

Indicators for Progress in Substance Abuse Recovery and Parenting Responsibilities

Three to 6 Months from TC (Complete prior to the first ACR and/or at end of 6 months) Please use Notes Section (final page) to document significant events/concerns.

Substance Abuse Treatment		
Lack of Progress	Partial Progress	Substantial Progress
Parent: Failed to meet with caseworker Continued to use and/or remains in denial of substance abuse/ addiction Failed to obtain substance abuse assessment Failed to follow recommendations of substance abuse assessment Had less than 50% clean urinalysis results Initially engaged in treatment but left against staff advice (ASA) Discharged from treatment program for antisocial behavior and/or numerous unexcused absences Failed to attended 12-Step or other community support groups Substance abuse issues were not identified until the following Date: Substance Exposed Infant born subsequent to case opening Date:	Parent: Entered residential treatment & movement not restricted Entered outpatient treatment, attended 50% of outpatient treatment sessions with few unexcused absences Developed relapse prevention plan, including relapse triggers and discussed them with worker and/or family members Identified and/or started attending 12-Step meetings or other community support groups Identified 12-Step sponsor or community support person(s) Able to self report relapse Self-reported abstinence for 30 days Had clean urinalysis for the past 30 days Began building a drug-free support network Program and/or family members have reported that parent: Acknowledged the impact substance abuse had on child's well being and the quality of family relations Improved insight into effects of substance abuse	Parent: Successfully completed treatment or stepped down to a lower level of treatment If still in treatment, attendance exceeds 80 % Informed worker and or family of aftercare & relapse plans Regularly attended 12-Step or other community support groups Has 12-Step sponsor or other community support person(s) Self-reported abstinence for the past 60 days Had all clean urinalysis for past 60 days Involved in drug-free/sober relationships and/or activities as evidenced by Established a drug-free support network (Include: job training, employment readiness, employment, school, YMCA, church, etc) as evidenced by Reciprocated positive support received from non-drug using family and friends have offered Continued improved insight into effects of substance abuse
	Visiting and Parenting Responsibilities	
Lack of Progress	Partial Progress	Substantial Progress
Parent: Unable to be contacted/located Did not and/or inconsistently visits child (ren) Did not request visits Did not reschedule missed visits Did not attend 0 - 3 Screening Worker made arrangements to transport parent to visit but parent failed to attend/cancelled Did not attend well-child appointments or attend parent-teacher conferences Demonstrated no interest in establishing or resuming parental responsibility	Parent: Attended the majority of visits with child (ren) Demonstrated increased parenting responsibility during visits as evidenced by Attended some well-child appointments Attended at least one parent-teacher meeting and/ or school conference Inconsistently attended visits but has attended coaching/teaching visits	Parent: Consistently visited with child (ren) Attended initial 0 - 3 Screening Visited regularly and incorporates opportunities to encourage continued involvement and participation in educational, health and developmental activities for the child (ren) Requested and actively involved in developing a plan for unsupervised visits Able to identify parenting deficits and strengths as evidenced by Developed parenting goals that are child specific and measurable
Parent's Signature &Date		This page of the form is to be:
Worker's Signature & Date		✓ Completed prior to the first ACR (6Months)
Supervisor's Signature & Date		✓ Included in required ACR documentation for review

documentation for review Signed by parent, caseworker and supervisor before being filed.

Recovery Matrix – Placement Cases

Indicators for Progress in Substance Abuse Recovery and Parenting Responsibilities

Six to 9 Months from TC (Complete at end of 9 months

Please use Notes Section (final page) to document significant events.

Substance Abuse Treatment		
Lack of Progress	Partial Progress	Substantial Progress
Parent: Failed to meet with caseworker Unable to be contacted/located Continued to use and/or remains in denial of substance abuse/ addiction Failed to obtain substance abuse assessment Participated in substance abuse treatment, but currently not in TX, or left against staff advice (ASA) Discharged from treatment for noncompliance, aggressive behavior, antisocial behavior and/or numerous unexcused absences Had less than 50% clean urinalysis results Substance abuse issues were not identified until the following Date: Substance Exposed Infant born subsequent to case opening Date:	Parent: Consistently attended substance abuse treatment with few unexcused absences Self-reported abstinence for the past 60 days Identified 12-Step sponsor or community support person Inconsistently attended 12-Step meetings or other community support group Developed relapse prevention plan, including relapse triggers and discussed them with worker and/or family members If relapse occurred, parent able to self disclose and reengaged in treatment within one week Developed and shared relapse prevention plan with 12-Step sponsor and/or other informal support networks Support system confirmed drug free time Had all clean urinalysis for past 30 days Program and/or family members have reported that parent: Engaged in recommended after care services/activities	Parent: Successfully completed treatment Self-reported abstinence for the past 90 days Consistently worked self help program Attended self-help meetings and maintained regular contact with sponsor or mentor Accepted into a recovery home, transitional living program or is residing with non-drug using relative or friends Involved in drug-free/sober relationships and/or activities Established a drug-free support network (Incl. job or employment readiness training, employment, school, YMCA, church, etc) Support network confirmed drug free time as evidenced by Had all clean urinalysis for past 90 days Reciprocated positive support from non drug using family and friends Program and/or family members have reported that parent: Demonstrated and understands new coping skills learned in treatment or in 12 step groups as evidenced by
	Visiting and Parenting Responsibilities	
Lack of Progress	Partial Progress	Substantial Progress
Parent: Unable to be contacted/located Unwilling to participate in services Did not request visits Unpredictable attendance at visits Did not reschedule missed visits Did not attend 0-3 Screening Worker made arrangements to transport parent to visit but parent failed to attend/cancelled Did not attend well-child appointments or attend parent-teacher conferences Demonstrated no interest in establishing or resuming parental responsibility	Parent: Consistently attended the majority of visits with child (ren) and reschedules missed visits Participated in educational, health and developmental activities for the child during visits as evidenced by Attended the majority of child's scheduled appointments such as: 0-3 screening, pres-school/school activities, medical appointments Demonstrated increased parenting responsibility during visits as evidenced by Began to identify parenting deficits and strengths to program staff, worker, and or family members	Parent: Consistently visited with child (ren) Used visits to take appropriate actions to enhance care giving skills and promote child's development Participated in child's educational or developmental program such as: 0-3 screening, pres-school/school activities, medical appointments Regularly attended child's school activities, such as; class plays, sports events, attends parent/teacher conferences Actively involved in the development a plan for unsupervised visits Ready for unsupervised visits as evidenced by
Parent's Signature &Date Worker's Signature & Date		This page of the form is to be: ✓ Completed at 9 months from Temporary Custody
Supervisor's Signature & Date		✓ Signed by parent, caseworker and supervisor before being filed.

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Indicators for Progress in Substance Abuse Recovery and Parenting Responsibilities

Nine to 12 Months from TC (Complete prior to 2nd ACR, permanency hearing and as long as goal remains return home)

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Lack of Progress Partial Progress Substantial Progress			
Parent: Failed to contact/meet with caseworker Continued to use and/or remains in denial of substance abuse/ addiction Failed to obtain substance abuse assessment Initially engaged in treatment but prematurely left against staff advice (ASA) Discharged from treatment for noncompliance, aggressive behavior, and/or numerous unexcused absences Had less than 50% clean urinalysis results Substance abuse issues were not identified until the following Date: Substance Exposed Infant born subsequent to case opening Date:	Parent: Consistently attended substance abuse treatment with few unexcused absences Self-reported abstinence for the past 90 days Identified 12-Step sponsor or community support person (s) Inconsistently attended12-Step or other community support group(s) Identified relapse triggers and discussed them with worker and/or family members If relapse occurred, parent able to self disclose and reengaged in treatment within one week of relapse Developed/shared a relapse prevention plan with 12-Steps sponsor other informal support networks Support network confirmed drug free time Clean urinalysis for past 60 days Program and/or family members have reported that parent: Engaged in recommended after care services/activities	Parent: Successfully completed treatment Self-reported abstinence for the past 120 days Consistently worked 12-Step and other community support program, attended self-help meetings and maintaining regular contact with sponsor Accepted into a recovery home, transitional living program or is residing with non-drug using relative or friends Involved in drug-free/sober relationships and/or activities Support network confirmed drug free time Had all clean urinalysis for past 120 days Established a drug-free support network (Incl. job or employment readiness training, employment, school, YMCA, etc) Reciprocated positive support received from non drug using family and friends Program and/or family members report: Demonstrated and understands new coping skills learned in treatment or in 12	
	Visiting and Parenting Responsibilities	step or other self-help groups	
Lack of Progress	Partial Progress	Substantial Progress	
Parent: Unable to be contacted/located Unwilling to participate in services Did not request visits Unpredictable attendance at visits Did not reschedule missed visits Did not attend 0-3 Screening Did not attend well-child appointments or attend parent-teacher conferences Demonstrated no interest in establishing or resuming parental responsibility	Parent: Consistently attends the majority of visits with child (ren) and reschedules missed visits Participated in educational, health and developmental activities for the child during visits as evidenced by Attended at least 70% of child's scheduled appointments such as: 0-3 screening, pres-school/school activities, medical appointments Demonstrated increased parenting responsibility during visits as evidenced by	Parent: Consistently visited with child (ren) Used visits to take appropriate actions to enhance care giving skills and promote child's development Regularly attended child's health, educational/developmental activities Understood the importance of appropriate caregivers Developed an understanding of safety hazards as evidenced by Routinely reads to child/homework Reinstated roles, rules, & rituals Actively involved in the development a plan for children returning home Parent ready for reunification	
Parent's Signature &Date		This page of the form is to be:	
Worker's Signature & Date		✓ Completed prior to 2 nd ACR (12 months from Temporary Custody)	
Supervisor's Signature & Date		Completed as long as return	

every 3 months thereafter

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Case Name & DCFS ID:
Caseworker's Signature & Date:
Supervisor's Signature & Date:
Parent's Signature & Date: