

Essential Questions to Ask at Each Hearing to Promote Educational Stability



1. Is the child enrolled in school and if so, is the child regularly attending either in-person or virtually?

2. If the child is in DCF custody, what are the specific barriers preventing the child from remaining in the school of origin?

3. What has been done to ensure the child has all technological, adaptive, or other resources needed to participate successfully in school in-person or remotely?

4. What has been done to ensure the child has appropriate transportation to school, if needed?

5. Is the child in need of or receiving special education services or testing?

6. Who is the educational decision-maker for the child, and is it appropriate or necessary for the Court to appoint a GAL?

