**Form 60A.17**

20 No.

Supreme Court of Nova Scotia

(Family Division)

Between: [copy standard heading]

 [name] Applicant

and

 [name] Respondent[s]

# Agency’s Plan for the Child’s Care

1. Disposition order sought [describe the order the agency seeks] .
2. **Description of services to be provided**

[describe the services to be provided to remedy the condition or situation in which the child was found in need of protective services] :

* 1. the agency will provide the following services: [agency services] ;
	2. the agency will seek services from: [other community resources] .

# Criteria for determination

The agency will determine when its care and custody or supervision is no longer required as follows: [specify the objectives of the agency’s intervention and how attainment of those objectives will be determined] .

# When agency plan should end

The agency estimates the time required to achieve the purpose of the agency’s intervention [including the appropriate date for review, specific timelines with respect to service plans and prognosis] .

# Removing child from care of parent or guardian

If the agency proposes to remove the child from the care of a parent or guardian, provide the following information:

* 1. [an explanation of why the child cannot be adequately protected while in the care of the parent or guardian] [refer to the condition or situation and the basis on which the child was found to be in need of protective services] ;
	2. [a description of past and present services] :
1. Services that have been attempted and their current status [include any reasons why the services have failed, if applicable] ;

(ii) Services that have been refused by the parent or guardian [specify the reasons for the refusal and any renewed offer of services made subsequent to that refusal] ;

(iii) Services that have been considered, but would be inadequate to protect the child [specify why the services would be inadequate to protect the child] .

* 1. possible placements with a relative, neighbour or other member of the child’s community or extended family that have been considered and rejected and reasons for the rejection;
	2. what efforts, if any, are planned to maintain the child’s contact with the parent or guardian [specify the proposed frequency and terms of any such contact] .

6 If the agency proposes that the child be placed in temporary care and custody of the agency, they must provide the following information:

1. a description of the child’s needs with reference to the findings of current or previous assessments;
2. a statement of the goals to be achieved for the child while in temporary care and custody;
3. a statement of the objectives and the specified goals for the child;
4. a statement of the educational program for the child;
5. a statement of the ways in which the child’s parents will be involved in the plan of care, including arrangements for contact between the child and the child’s family;
6. particulars of any specialized service to be provided;
7. particulars of the dates for review of the plan of care and revisions to the plan of care as necessary;
8. a statement of the anticipated plan at final disposition, where applicable;
9. if the child has siblings, a statement of efforts made to keep the child with those siblings;
10. an explanation of the efforts made to maintain contact with the child’s relatives and friends;
11. an explanation of how the child’s religion, culture, race, and language will be preserved with the placement;
12. an explanation of the steps taken for continuity in the child’s education and religion.

# [or]

6 If the agency proposes that the child be placed in the permanent care and custody of the agency, they must provide the following information:

1. why the circumstances justifying the proposal are unlikely to change within a reasonably foreseeable time not exceeding the maximum time limits [specify the barriers to change, agency efforts to remedy or alleviate those barriers and why those efforts would be unsuccessful within the maximum time limits provided in the *Act*] ;
2. a description of the arrangements made or being made for the child’s long-term stable placement [refer to the child’s present placement, any intended changes to that placement, any special needs of the child, availability of long-term placements, agency plans to identify a permanent placement for the child, adoption prospects, etc.] ;

(c) an explanation of how the child’s religion, culture, race, and language will be preserved with the placement.

[The two paragraphs numbered six are in the alternative*.*]

# Signature

Signed [date] , 20

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Signature

Print name: