

# Time Requirements for Dependency, Neglect, and Abuse Cases

12 month time frame removal. § 80-3-409(1)(a).

1 business day notice to parties. § 80-3-301(3).

Within 72 hours of removal or parent entering domestic violence shelter at request of DCFs, or emergency placements – hold shelter hearing. § 80-3-301(1). One continuance only for 5 day max. § 80-6-301(8).

120 day preference for placements with a friend. § 80-3-302(7). For a relative, the existing rebuttable presumption that placement with the relative is in a child's best interest remains effective for eight months after shelter. § 80-3-302(7)(b)(ii).

Pretrial to be calendared within 15 days of shelter. § 80-3-401(1). Pretrial may be continued according to U.R.Juv.P Rule 54.

Adjudication within 60 days of shelter or filing of petition (whichever is later). § 80-3-401(2).

At adjudication set 6 month review and permanency hearing. § 80-3-402(4).

Disposition no later than 30 days from adjudication. § 80-3-402(3).

Reunification services must end no later than 12 months from removal (unless extended). § 80-3-406(13)(a).

Court must set primary and concurrent permanency plans at DS and conditions for moving from primary to concurrent. § 80-3-406(1) - (3).

No later than 12 month permanency hearing required if reunification services are ordered. § 80-3-409(1)(a).

Reunification services can be ended anytime. § 80-3-406(14)(a).

If no reunification services, permanency hearing must be within 30 days. § 80-3-406(3)(c), (8), and (16)(c).

6 month time on abandonments. § 80-3-406(17). But if parent is found within 6 months services can be ordered. 12 month time limit is not tolled. § 80-3-406(19)(b).

If substantial compliance and the best interest of the child is found at 12 months, a 90-day extension may be allowed. § 80-3-409(7)(a). The court may grant one additional 90-day extension in certain circumstances. § 80-3-409(7)(c).

Termination pretrial within 45 days of permanency. § 80-3-409(10)(a).

Decision on petition to terminate must be within 18 months of removal. § 80-3-409(13)(c).

