



Philadelphia Family Court
Family Finding Report to the Court
Questions to Ask during Dependency Proceedings



Children/Parents

Child Welfare Professionals

Attorneys

1. Has anyone talked with you about all of us working together to make sure you have people in your life that care about and love you now and in the future?
2. Who do you love? Who do you enjoy spending time with? Who do you want to see/talk to or spend more time with?
3. If you had a problem or wanted to share some good news, who are the first 3 people you would reach out to?
4. Who do you spend time with or connect with regularly on social media?

1. Tell me about the child/family's network?
2. Since the last court hearing, what have you done to identify and involve family and kin?
3. Is the network active in the child's life? How?
4. Have you reviewed the child's most recent connections circle? Are there any newly identified people you plan to talk to?
5. What are your next Family Finding steps?

1. Have you had the opportunity to review the FF Report to the Court with your client?
2. Has your client identified anyone else who the agency can talk to about possibly being a part of his/her network?
3. Has your client been actively involved in the family finding process?

Procedural Checklist **CUA Name** _____

Was the FF Report to the Court Complete?

PACFiled? **Should be PACFiled 10 days** prior to the hearing

If not, why not? **If the Report was not completed, then outcome order should read, "Court orders Family Finding Report to the court to be completed and PACFiled within 48 hours."**

*The Assigned City Solicitor should be addressing the Family Finding Report to the Court during the hearing.

**DHS/CUA is responsible to provide copies for all parties during the Shelter Care hearings (In Person hearings)

Crisis/Rapid Response Family Meetings

Questions to Ask during a Shelter Care Hearing

Was a Crisis/Rapid Response Family Meeting held?

If **yes**, can you please explain the *family's plan* for addressing the emergent concern?

Things to look for in the family's plan:

- More family/kin** present at the meeting than professionals
- The plan provides a **solution(s) for the emergent concern(s)**
- The plan is **written in the family's language**, not the child welfare agency's language
- Private family time** was offered for the family to discuss the plan

If **no**, why was the meeting not held?

When will the family be gathered to have a family meeting?

Procedural Checklist

- CUA Name _____
- The family's plan should be **PACFiled** prior to the hearing
- The **Assigned City Solicitor** should address the Family's Plan in court
- If the meeting is not scheduled then the outcome order should read "*Court orders Crisis/Rapid Response family meeting to be held within 24 hours. Report should be PACFiled within 24 hours of meeting.*"