

ATTACHMENT A
Proposed Changes in Rule 45

Rule 45. Admissibility of evidence.

A. [No change in text.]

B. Definition of report. For purposes of this rule, a written report by a protective services worker shall mean a narrative report setting forth, as appropriate to the hearing, the following:

1. Children.

a. Name and date of birth of each court ward included in this report.

b. Name and date of birth of each sibling not included in this report.

4 2. The reasons the child was removed from the custody of the parent, guardian or Indian custodian;

2 3. The services provided to prevent removal;

3 4. The case plan goal and the services provided to achieve the goal;

4 5. Steps taken by the parent, guardian or Indian custodian to comply with the case plan;

5 6. The child's current placement and, in the case of an Indian child, whether the placement falls within the preferences as set forth in the Act or whether good cause exists to deviate from the preferences;

6 7. The services provided to meet the child's needs;

7 8. Recommended dispositional orders;

8 9. Recommended changes to the case plan goal, services or placement; and

9 10. Recommended permanent plan.

The report may include any appendices or reports prepared by persons other than the protective services worker. The term report does not include a social study prepared pursuant to A.R.S. 8-536 or by order of the court in termination proceedings, or the report required by A.R.S. 8-872(E) and Rule 61(D).

C. [No change in text.]

D. [No change in text.]

E. [No change in text.]