

## Court Observation Tool

Case # \_\_\_\_\_ Coder \_\_\_\_\_ Judge \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Start time: \_\_\_\_\_ End time: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(N/A= Not applicable)*

| <b>Parties Present</b> | <b>Parent/Youth Engagement</b> --Did the judge... | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A          | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ___ Mother             | ___ Mother Atty                                   | Explain the hearing purpose/process?  | ___ M                        | ___ F    ___ Y               |
| ___ Father             | ___ Father Atty                                   | Speak directly to the person?         | ___ M                        | ___ F    ___ Y               |
| ___ Child(ren)         | ___ Child Atty                                    | Address the person by name?           | ___ M                        | ___ F    ___ Y               |
| ___ Caseworker         | ___ Relative                                      | Ask if they have questions?           | ___ M                        | ___ F    ___ Y               |
| ___ AG/DA              | ___ Interpreter                                   | Identify the next steps?              | ___ M                        | ___ F    ___ Y               |
| ___ CASA               | ___ Tribal Rep.                                   | Ask if person understands next steps? | ___ M                        | ___ F    ___ Y               |
| ___ GAL                | ___ Tx Provider                                   | Give person opportunity to be heard?  | ___ M                        | ___ F    ___ Y               |
| ___ Foster Parent      |   | Through attorney only?                | ___ M                        | ___ F    ___ Y               |
| ___ Other _____        |   |                                       |                              |                              |

(0= No discussion, 1=Statement only, 2=more than a statement)

| <b>Breadth &amp; Depth of Key Topics</b>    | <b>Discussion Level</b>   |
|---|---|
| Child's Placement                           | <input type="checkbox"/> home <input type="checkbox"/> relative |
| Educational needs/placement                 | 0 1 2    N/A  |
| Child physical health                       | 0 1 2   |
| Child mental health/development             | 0 1 2   |
| Specific safety concerns                    | 0 1 2    N/A  |
| Visitation                                  | 0 1 2    N/A  |
| Efforts to reunify family/prevent removal   | 0 1 2   |
| Maintaining permanency connections          | 0 1 2   |
| Parent's rights/process/perm timeframes     | 0 1 2    N/A  |
| Review of petition                          | 0 1 2    N/A  |
| Paternity                                   | 0 1 2    N/A  |
| Relative Resources                          | 0 1 2    N/A  |
| Safety planning                             | 0 1 2    N/A  |
| Preventing child from returning home today? | 0 1 2    N/A  |

Did judge inquire about Indian heritage?    \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ N

### **FINDINGS/ORDERS**

Finding that ICWA does/does not apply    \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ N

Reasonable Efforts finding    \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ N

- Reasonable efforts **were** made to prevent Removal
- Reasonable efforts **were not** made
- Reasonable efforts were not required
- Reasonable efforts were withheld/cont'd

Placement in the home is contrary to the welfare of the child    \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ N

Set the next hearing date on the record?    \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ N      Consider parent's availability?    \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ N