

22.6 Checklist: Voluntary Termination of Parental Rights (Relinquishment)

RELINQUISHMENT

CHECKLIST

- Preliminary matters
 - Appearances
 - Notice of hearing
 - Language or cognitive challenges
- If relinquishment to CYFD, consent by CYFD
- If not in contemplation of adoption:
 - Good cause
 - Reasonable efforts to preserve family
 - Best interests of child
- Counseling
 - Meets all requirements of §32A-5-22
 - Counseling narrative filed with court
- Form of relinquishment
 - Signed by parent relinquishing
 - Meets all requirements of §32A-5-21
 - Parent understands legal consequences
- If Indian child,
 - Terms/consequences explained to/understood by parent
 - Explanation in language parent understands
 - More than ten days since birth
- If conditional relinquishment,
 - Good cause
 - Condition satisfied w/in 180 days