

## TRANSITIONS

### 39.01 (79)

Transition Plan means a deliberate and coordinated plan of action to ease the transition of a child from one caregiver to another. The plan must be tailored to each child's individual developmental stage and psychological needs. The plan at a minimum must address:

- (a) The transfer of the child's belongings
- (b) A reasonable period of time to transition final custody to the new caregiver, taking into account the length of time the child has spent with the current caregiver and the level of attachment the child has developed with the caregiver and other household members;
- (c) Cooperation and sharing of information among all persons involved; and
- (d) When possible, continued contact with the previous caregiver and household members after the child is placed in the custody of the new caregiver.

### 39.522 (4)

If the court Orders a change of placement or modifies the conditions of protective supervision pursuant to this subsection, in the absence of an emergency, the court shall ensure that a transition plan, as defined in s.39.01 (79) is implemented.

In its order changing custody, the court shall make findings that an appropriate transition plan was implemented. If no transition plan was implemented or if the court finds that the transition plan did not meet the requirements set forth in 39.01 (79), the court in its order may establish reasonable requirements for the transfer of custody in the modification of placement order, including a reasonable period of time to transition final custody to the new placement.