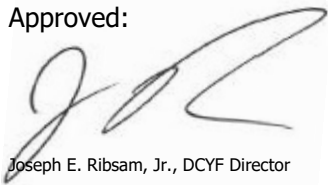
 <p>NH Department of Health &amp; Human Services Division for Children, Youth &amp; Families</p>	<b>DCYF Standard Operating Procedure</b>	
	<b>1395.2 COURT-INVOLVED CHINS</b>	
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This SOP defines how court-involved CHINS cases are managed.

### Procedure

*The following information is to support the implementation of the above referenced policy. This document shall not preclude staff from using their professional judgement based on individual circumstances, consistent with the requirements of the policy.*

- I. When it is determined that a voluntary CHINS case is not appropriate, the JJS Supervisor will determine if a court-involved case would be appropriate.
  - A. If it is determined that filing a CHINS petition under RSA 169-D:2 II (a), (b), (c), or (e) is appropriate, the Supervisor provides the referring entity with the Statement of Voluntary Services Eligibility (Form 1326).
  
- II. The JJS Supervisor consults with the JJS Attorney (or designee) if the child has severe emotional, cognitive, or other mental health needs, with behaviors that pose a danger to the child or others, and they are not eligible for services under RSA 169-B or RSA 169-C, to determine if court involvement under RSA 169-D:2, II(d) is appropriate.
  - A. If it is determined that filing a CHINS petition under RSA 169-D:2, II(d) is appropriate, the Supervisor provides the referring entity with both the Form 1326 and Departmental Consent to CHINS Under RSA 169-D:2, II(d) (Form 1327), indicating DCYF's agreement to court-involved CHINS.
  
- III. Any determination of placement and the actual placement of the child, as well as the development of a Case Plan is conducted in accordance with standard policy and practice.
  
- IV. Active permanency and concurrent permanency planning must occur for any child placed outside the home, including regularly scheduled Permanency Plan Team meetings (PPTs) or other meetings designated to assist in timely reunification.

### Applicable Forms

Form	Title
1326	Statement of Voluntary Services Eligibility
1327	Departmental Consent to CHINS Under RSA 169-D:2, II(d)
1550	Case Plan-Placement

## Glossary and Document Specific Definitions

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