**FDAC Court Timeline – Positive Route with a Plan for Reunification**

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| **Week** | **Action** |
| * Week 5 | Legal planning meeting- Decision made to enter TACS |
| * Week 4 | Joint home visit by TACS & SW – Invite delivered to parents to Pre proceedings meeting (pre-court meeting) |
| * Week 2 | **PPM held with parents , lawyers , SW & TACS** to confirm agreement in principle to TACS assessment day & hair strand testing instructed to report by week 5 |
| Week 1 – Day 1  Day 2 | Legal Services lodge application form C110A – with:   * SW statement * All current assessments, * Chronology * Genogram * Threshold (Legal to prepare) * Allocation proposal (Legal to prepare) * Index of checklist documents (Legal to prepare) * Court issue case * Court considers allocation of case to FDAC * Legal serves application form and evidential documents on the parties * Court makes standard direction that Children’s guardian be appointed and for hair strand testing/joint funding by week 5 * LA starts CPR and identifies all family members/starts stage 1 & 2 viability assessments if not already done so and book adoption medical. * Kinship schedule updated |
| 3 (by day 12 or first available FDAC) | **Introductory FDAC Hearing** – Court to give directions for the filing of stage 2 viability assessments by week 5 and the TACS’ initial assessment report by week 5 |
| 5 | **CMH**   * Parents sign agreement with TACS at Court and agree intervention plan. * Court to give detailed case management directions –   + instruct any outstanding assessments, including hair strand testing by week 16.   + order adoption medical if no ICO.   + Fully timetable and list for IRH-timetable case for positive outcome. * Stage 2 Viability assessments of extended family completed by C&F workers. * If the initial assessment report recommends FDAC, case transfers to TACS. If not recommending FDAC and Judge agrees, case remains with C&F team and all tasks responsibility of C&F worker thereafter – case proceeds in conventional court. * Stage 3 full kinship assessments commenced   **Non-Lawyer** reviews weeks 7,13,15,19,21,23 & 27 |
| 10 | Interim TACS report to be discussed and agreed by TACS, C&F SW and legal – email exchange. Liberty to convene care plan meeting if necessary. |
| 11  (wk 6 from CMH/2nd hearing) | **Interim TACS report filed and served on Wednesday prior to FDAC**  **Lawyer review (If Interim report is negative – court to consider transferring to conventional court and follow that timeline).**  **Case transfers to C&F SW team.** |
| 16 | TACS substantive report to be discussed and agreed by TACS, C&F SW and legal – email exchange. Liberty to convene care plan meeting if necessary. |
| 17  (wk 12 from CMH/2nd hearing) | Substantive TACS report/Kinship stage 3 assessments filed (by Wed prior to FDAC)  **Lawyer Review – Court to consider whether timetable needs to be extended beyond week 33** |
| 23 | * Convene final care plan meeting * consider ADM if plan changes to negative/adoption route * draft final TACS assessment to be available * balance sheet completed as part of final care plan * Final SWET not required in TACS |
| 25 | LA File and Serve Final evidence and care plans including Final TACS Assessment  **Lawyer Review**  **Can be vacated if all parties agree to TACS final evidence & care plan** |
| 27 | Parents’ final evidence filed |
| 29 | Guardian’s final evidence filed  Advocates meeting / LA case summary |
| 31 | **IRH**/Case management order or finalise if possible |
| 33 | **FH (Only if necessary)** |