

DAY OF MY HEARING



- Arrive at court and wait in the lobby of the **Juvenile Court** (4th floor)
- Speak with your lawyer



FACILITATED CONFERENCE

- You and your lawyer may meet with other professionals about your case
- Your input is necessary to discuss the next steps:
 - Placement of your child
 - Parenting time with your child if he or she remains outside your home
 - Services your case manager thinks will help your family

COURT HEARING

- You will have your hearing with the judge after the conference

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE COURT HEARING

Who will be there?

- You
- Your lawyer
- Judge
- County attorney
- Guardian ad litem
- Case manager
- Other people you want for support

What do I do during the court hearing?

You will be seated next to your lawyer and may speak or write notes to him or her. Your lawyer will speak to the judge for you.

The judge will make a decision that day on where your child will stay. This is not permanent! If the judge orders your child to live outside your home, you may participate in services offered by your case manager to support you. You should talk to your lawyer about participating in these services. Eventually, the judge may order services to support you and your child.

QUESTIONS THAT MANY PARENTS HAVE

When will I see my child?

Usually within 72 hours. Visits are set up by your case manager, which is another reason you want to call him or her right away! These visits will be determined by your case manager.

72
HOURS

Can I call or email my child or the foster parents?

No, unless you have permission from your case manager. This means no phone calls, no email, no Facebook, Twitter or other social media. You also may not contact the foster parents. Once you go to court, the judge may allow additional contact.

Your case manager and lawyer can answer additional questions you may have.

WHEN YOUR CHILD IS REMOVED FROM YOUR CARE

THERE ARE THINGS

YOU
CAN DO

BEFORE GOING
TO COURT

YOU WILL GO TO COURT ON WEDNESDAY

There will be a hearing in the juvenile court on a Wednesday after your child was placed outside your home. Your case manager will have the specific date. At this hearing, the juvenile court judge will decide if your child should remain outside your home or can be returned to you. Your child will stay in foster care or with a relative until this court hearing.



**This information is to be a guide not legal advice.*

TALK TO YOUR CASE MANAGER AND LAWYER



You have a case manager from the Department of Health and Human Services assigned to your case to help you and your child. If you do not know who your case manager is, call:

402-471-3121

My Case Manager: _____

Contact Info: _____

Date of my Hearing: _____

A free lawyer* will be assigned to your case. To get the name of this lawyer, call: **402-441-6928**

My Lawyer: _____

Contact Info: _____

**You may hire your own lawyer*

PREPARING FOR COURT

Things you may want to bring to court:

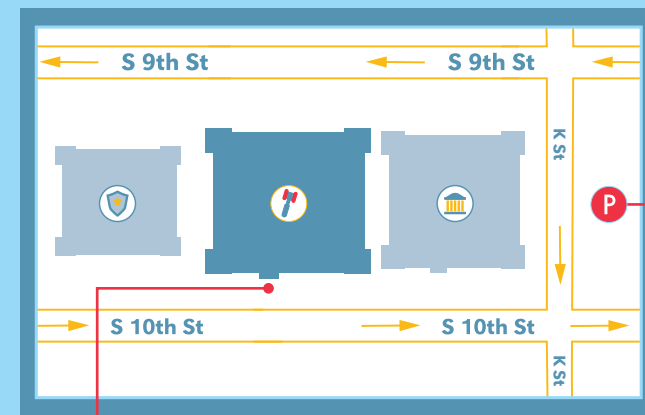
- Paperwork from your case manager
- Information about your child, such as:
 - Therapists
 - Medical needs and providers
 - Extracurricular activities
 - Additional items your child needs while outside your home
- Paperwork you want your case manager or lawyer to look at
- Names, addresses, and phone numbers for relatives or others that your child could stay with if he or she remains out of home

TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP OR ELIGIBILITY:

Tribal membership or eligibility: Inform your lawyer or case manager if you think your child is a member or could be eligible for membership in a Tribe. If he or she is, your family may receive additional benefits.

HOW TO GET THERE AND WHERE TO PARK

There is FREE PARKING in front of the courthouse or in the parking lot at 10th and K Street. If you park in this lot, you will need a parking pass from the front desk of the juvenile court after you arrive.



Address: 575 S. 10th Street

You must go through security and then take the elevators to the 4th floor. There will be a sign that says, "Juvenile Court" and a computer screen will tell you which room you will be in.