

Handouts for the Webinar

Timely Notice of Hearings: *Why It Matters and How to Make it Happen*

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"Notice of Hearing in Juvenile Proceeding" Form (AOC-J-141)

Follow this link to access the current version of the AOC-J-141:

<https://www.nccourts.gov/assets/documents/forms/j141-en.pdf?QikghFDdnFMVtImgX3YaurPv3zq5Quv8>

RESOURCE FAMILY INFORMATION FORM

Child's Name: _____

Case No.: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of Caregiver: _____

Type of Caregiver:

- Foster Parent
- Kinship Care Parent
- Preadoptive Parent
- Other (Please specify): _____

Date of Child's Placement with you: _____

Juvenile Court Number: _____

Date of this Report: _____

Under federal and state law, foster, kinship care providers, and preadoptive parents have the right to attend and be heard in court proceedings pertaining to children in their care. This form is intended to help you provide information to the court at the next hearing related to the child in your care. Please answer the questions below that are relevant to the child/youth's current status and needs. Once you have completed the document, please bring or mail to the court.

1. Have you received a copy of the most recent case plan? Yes No
2. Is there anything you would suggest being added to the case plan?
3. Describe any behavioral, emotional, or mental health concerns with the child/youth, if any exist (i.e.—any changes in eating or sleeping patterns, acting out or aggressive behaviors, withdrawal, etc.) Are any such concerns being addressed with services?
4. Identify any needs this child/youth has that are not currently being addressed with services.
5. Describe the child/youth's educational progress and identify any concerns (i.e.—peer or teacher issues, bullying, academic progress or lack thereof, special education needs).
6. If age appropriate, what independent living services have been provided? What age-appropriate tasks and skills have you provided to the youth to assist them in preparing for independence? (i.e.—cooking, cleaning, finances, etc.) Are there such services you would recommend?
7. Describe your observations of the child/youth's interactions with other children, youth, and adults.

You do not need to answer all questions. Use of this form is voluntary.

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8. Has this child/youth received any medical or dental treatment since the last hearing? Yes No
Describe this treatment.

9. Describe your observations related to the child/youth's contacts and visits with his or her birth parents.

10. If child/youth has siblings and they are not placed together, do they have ongoing visitation?
Describe your observations.

11. Does the child/youth have regular, ongoing opportunities to socialize or participate in recreational activities with peers? Yes No
Describe these opportunities, including any challenges to participating in activities.

12. Are there any additional services or supports needed for the child/youth or for you that were not previously mentioned? Yes No

13. Has a guardian ad litem (GAL) been appointed for the child/youth? Yes No
If yes, what was the date and location of the last contact?

14. Have you been made aware of the most recent report and/or recommendations by the GAL in this case? Yes No
What are your thoughts on those recommendations? Is there anything you would add?

15. Provide any general progress, comments, or recommendations regarding the child/youth.

Caregiver Signature

Date

In re _____

CASE NO. _____

JUDGE _____

**NOTICE TO FOSTER OR KINSHIP
CAREGIVER PURSUANT TO NORTH
CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE 7B-906.1**

Please take notice that the above captioned case has been scheduled for a _____ hearing on the _____ day of _____, 20__ at _____ am/pm. The hearing will take place at _____, _____, _____, NC _____.

As the foster parent, kinship care provider, or preadoptive parent of the child(ren) who is the subject of the above-captioned case, you have the right to receive notice of hearings in relation to that child or children and the right to be heard at those proceedings. Caregivers are important to the child and can provide valuable information to the Court as it makes its decisions.

You have the right to attend this court hearing and to present an oral report to the Court regarding the child or children in your care. Your appearance in court is voluntary. You may choose not to participate at all, or you may choose to participate by providing a written letter to the Court.

Instructions to Clerk: Please serve a copy of this notice by

regular USmail. Service completed by: _____ on _____

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Court-Related Articles from *Fostering Perspectives*

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<http://fosteringperspectives.org/fpv17n1/supporting.htm>

Advice for Foster Parents about Going to Court

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<http://fosteringperspectives.org/fpv17n1/advice.htm>

A Judge's Perspective on Foster Parents and Court

An Interview with Judge Monica Bousman

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<http://fosteringperspectives.org/fpv17n1/Bousman.htm>

NC's Juvenile Justice System: Overview for Foster Parents

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<http://fosteringperspectives.org/fpv18n2/overview.htm>

NC Passes New Laws Affecting Foster Parents - Fostering Perspectives

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How Resource Parents Influence Child and Family Outcomes in and out of Court

One judge's perspective

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<http://fosteringperspectives.org/fpv20n2/Carmical.htm>

Interview with District Court Judge Gary S. Cash

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