



The Importance of Judicial Relationships and How to Outreach with the Judicial Branch

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No Child Comes Into CPS Custody
Without A Court Order.

AND

No Child Leaves CPS Custody
Without A Court Order.

Emergency to PMC

- ▶ Emergency
 - ▶ Without Prior Order – Next business day
- ▶ Adversary (show cause)
 - ▶ 14 days after emergency
- ▶ Permanency Hearing Before Final Order
 - ▶ 180 days thereafter 120 days
- ▶ Permanency Hearing After Final Order
 - ▶ 90 days after termination and 180 days thereafter

Ex Parte Communication

- ▶ Latin for “on one side only; by or for one party.”
- ▶ An **ex parte communication** occurs when a party to a case, or someone involved with a party, talks or writes to or otherwise communicates directly with the judge about the issues in the case without the other parties' knowledge.
- ▶ Communicate through TDFPS attorney or the child's AAL
- ▶ Attend hearings

Roles of Lawyers and Guardians

- ▶ County Attorney/District Attorney/ Prosecutor
- ▶ Regional Attorney or Agency Attorney
- ▶ Attorney Ad Litem
- ▶ Guardian Ad Litem or CASA

Subpoenas

Subpoena Duces Tecums

- ▶ Must appear in court day to day until released.
- ▶ Must produced the documents and if requested appear in court day to day until released.

Notice of Hearing

- ▶ TDFPS shall provide notice of all hearings.
- ▶ Importance of appearing in court.

Kids in Court

- ▶ Texas Family Code §263.302
 - ▶ The child shall attend each permanency hearing unless the court specifically excuses the child's attendance.

Over 16 Documents

- ▶ Birth Certificate
- ▶ Social Security Card
- ▶ Proof of Medicaid Enrollment
- ▶ Texas ID
- ▶ Immunization Records
- ▶ School Records
- ▶ Health Passport Information
- ▶ Driver's Education

Home Community Services (HCS)

- ▶ Child with disabilities transition to HCS homes.
- ▶ Determination of intellectual disabilities.

TRANSITIONAL LIVING SERVICES PROGRAM

BEST PRACTICE FOR 14 & OLDER

- ▶ Grocery Shopping
- ▶ Meal preparation and cooking
- ▶ Basic household tasks
- ▶ Public transportation (when appropriate)
- ▶ Basic banking & accounting skills
- ▶ Balancing a checkbook
- ▶ Debit & credit card responsibility
- ▶ Protecting credit, financial, identify information (personally & professionally)
- ▶ Independent Livings Skills Assessment
- ▶ Life skills training tailored to the child/young adults ability
- ▶ Obtain & interpret credit score
- ▶ Protect, improve, & report credit score
- ▶ Avoiding predatory lending practice
- ▶ Saving money (open an account)
- ▶ Prudent financial practices
- ▶ Understanding paycheck and withholdings
- ▶ Managing independently
- ▶ Circle of supports/Transition Plan Meetings

College Preparation

- ▶ Application Waivers
- ▶ FAFSA – Pell Grant
- ▶ ETV
- ▶ Tuition Wavier



QUESTIONS?