

Temporary Custody Hearing

Decisions for the Judge

Whether everyone who should be involved in your case has been notified (both parents, your Tribe if you are Alaska Native).

Whether you might be a Child in Need of Aid.

Whether you can safely return home today.

If you can't go home, where you should live temporarily.

When and where you will see your parents and siblings.

Where you will be going to school.

Questions the Judge May Ask You

Do you have relatives or friends who you might be able to live with?

Where do you go to school?

Adjudication Hearing

Decisions for the Judge

Whether everyone who should be involved in your case has been notified (both parents, your Tribe if you are Alaska Native).

Whether you actually are a Child in Need of Aid.

Where you should be living (home, with a relative, in foster care, etc.).

If you're not at home, when and where you will see your parents and siblings.

Whether OCS is working with your parents to provide them help.

Questions the Judge May Ask You

How do you feel about your current living situation?

Do you have relatives or friends who you might be able to live with?

How are visits going with your parents and siblings?

How are you doing in school?

Disposition Hearing

Decisions for the Judge

Whether you should be in state custody for up to two years

Where you should be living for now

If you're not at home, what kind of visitation should be occurring

If you're in foster care, whether relatives or family friends have been explored

Whether the case plan for you and your parents is appropriate

Whether OCS has tried to work with your parents and offered them support services

Questions the Judge May Ask You

How do you feel about your current living situation?

How do you feel about the current visitation arrangements?

How are you doing in school?

Are you involved in extracurricular activities?

Have you thought about what you want to do after high school?

Do you have any questions?

Permanency Hearing

Decisions for the Judge

The best permanent plan for you:

Return to one or both of your parents?

Adoption?

Legal guardianship?

Some other permanent living arrangement?

Whether OCS is making reasonable efforts to finalize your permanent plan.

Whether OCS tried to work with your parents so you could go home.

Whether your parents made progress on their treatment plans.

Whether your needs (school, counseling, medical, cultural, etc.) are being met.

If you're over 16, what independent living services are necessary so you can live on your own after you're out of state custody.

Questions the Judge May Ask You

How are you doing in school?

What are your thoughts about the permanent plan that is being recommended for you?

Do you want an attorney?

Adoption Hearing

Decisions for the Judge

Whether your biological parents' rights have been terminated.

Whether your adoptive parents have had a positive home study.

Whether your adoptive parents agree to become your legal parents.

Whether your adoptive parents have the resources to be able to take care of you.

Whether you will continue to visit with your biological parents or other relatives.

Whether you will be changing your name.

Questions the Judge May Ask You

Do you understand what it means to be adopted?

Do you consent to the adoption?

Do you want to consult with an attorney?

Legal Guardianship Hearing

Decisions for the Judge

Whether your parents' right have been suspended or terminated.

Whether the proposed legal guardians are suitable people to take care of you.

Whether the legal guardians understand their legal rights and responsibilities.

Whether you will continue to visit with your parents or relatives.

Whether you agree with the legal guardianship.

Questions the Judge May Ask You

Do you understand what a legal guardianship is?

Do you want these people to become your legal guardians?

Do you want to consult with an attorney?

Youth Exit Hearing — Release of Custody

Decisions for the Judge

Whether adequate planning has been made for a release of custody.

Whether the educational status and goals have been identified.

Whether there is adequate financial support to enable you to manage your affairs without the necessity for further OCS involvement.

Whether health care needs are being met and whether there is an ongoing plan to meet them beyond custody.

Whether arrangements have been made for housing.

Whether there is a good support system in place with helping adults to rely on after custody is released.

Whether there are any special needs that haven't been met that would require support financially or by a guardian or conservator.

Questions the Judge May Ask You

How do you think the exit planning process worked for you?

Have we sufficiently addressed all the things that are of concern to you?