

**THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, OHIO
JUVENILE DIVISION**

In re _____

CASE NO. _____

JUDGE KRISTEN K. JOHNSON

**NOTICE TO FOSTER OR KINSHIP CAREGIVER
PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE § 2151.424**

Please take notice that the above captioned case has been scheduled for a
_____ hearing on the _____ day of _____, 20____ at
_____. The hearing will take place at the **Hancock County Juvenile Court,
209 West Main Cross Street, 2nd Floor, Findlay, Ohio 45840.**

As the foster caregiver or kinship caregiver of the child 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 the right to be heard at this court hearing. Your right to be heard includes the option to present an oral report and/or file a written report with 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 report or letter to the Court.

To assist you in providing information to the Court, a Caregiver Information Form is attached. You may answer all or part of the questions on this form to aid the Court at the hearing. You are not required to use this form. It is provided only as one option for you to use in giving information to the Court as part of your right to be heard during this hearing. If you use this form, please submit it to the Court before the hearing if at all possible, even if you plan to attend in person. In addition, if you attend, please bring a copy of the form with you.

Service completed by: _____ on _____.

(Instructions to Clerk: Please serve a copy of this notice by regular US mail)

CAREGIVER INFORMATION FORM

Child's Name: _____

Case No.: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of Caregiver: _____

Type of Caregiver:

- Foster Parent
- Kinship Caregiver
- Other (Please specify): _____

Date of Child's Placement with you: _____

Juvenile Court Number: _____

Date of this Report: _____

Under Ohio law, foster and kinship caregivers have the right to attend and be heard in court proceedings related to the 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 questions below that are relevant to the child's current status and needs. You can also obtain a fillable form online at

<https://co.hancock.oh.us/DocumentCenter/View/1406/Notice-to-Caregivers>. Once you have completed

the online form, please print and bring or mail it to the court. You may also send the form back via email to juvenile@co.hancock.oh.us. **Please provide this form to the Court 5 days prior to the hearing.**

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

1. Have you received a copy of the most recent case plan? (circle one) Yes No
2. Is there anything you would suggest be added to the case plan?

3. Please describe any behavioral, emotional, or mental health concerns with the child, if any exist (for example, any changes in eating or sleeping patterns, acting out or aggressive behaviors, withdrawal, etc.). Are any such concerns being addressed with services?
4. Please identify any needs this child has that are not currently being addressed with services.
5. Please describe the child's educational progress and identify any concerns (for example, peer or teacher issues, bullying, academic progress or lack of progress, 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 child to assist them in preparing for independence (e.g. cooking, cleaning, finances)? Are there such services you would recommend?
7. Please describe your observations of the child's interactions with other children and adults.
8. Has this child received any medical or dental treatment since the last hearing? Please describe.
9. Please note your observations related to child's contacts and visits with his or her birth parents.
10. If child has siblings and they are not placed together, do they have ongoing visitation? Note your observations.
11. Does the child have regular, ongoing opportunities to socialize or participate in recreational activities with peers? If so, please describe. Please include any challenges to participation in activities.
12. Are there any additional services or supports needed for the child or for you that were not previously mentioned?
13. Has a Guardian ad Litem or Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) been appointed for the child/youth? If so, 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 Guardian ad Litem (GAL) or Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) in this case? If so, do you agree with the recommendations? If you do not agree with the recommendations, what recommendations would you make? Are there any additional recommendations you would make?

15. Have you been made aware of the most recent report(s) and/or recommendations in this case made by persons other than the GAL or CASA? If so, do you agree with the report(s) and/or recommendations? If you do not agree with the report or recommendations, please explain. Are there any additional recommendations you would make?
16. If the child/youth is in the permanent custody of the public children services agency (PCSA), please describe any efforts of which you are aware to locate a permanent adoptive family or kinship placement.
17. General progress, comments, or recommendations regarding the child/youth:

Caregiver Signature

Date:

Caregiver Printed Name