



Superior Court of Washington
County of King

In the Interest of:

DOB _____

**NOTICE AND ORDER TO APPEAR FOR
HEARING ON CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES
(CHINS) PETITION**

STATE OF WASHINGTON TO:

Name of Opposing Party: _____

Present Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Whereabouts unknown.

I. NOTICE AND ORDER TO APPEAR FOR HEARING

1.1 You are notified that a **Child In need of Services (CHINS)** petition, a copy of which is attached, was filed with this court

1.2 **YOU ARE DIRECTED TO APPEAR AT A HEARING TO BE HELD:**

On _____ **at** _____ **a.m. / p.m.,**
At King County Superior Court

Clark Children & Family Justice Center
1211 E. Alder Street
Seattle, WA 98122
Courtroom 3B

Maleng Regional Justice Center
401 4th Ave N
Kent, WA 98032
Courtroom 1H

And show cause why the relief requested in the Child In Need of Services Petition should not be granted.

**FAILURE TO APPEAR IN COURT IN RESPONSE TO THIS NOTICE AND ORDER TO APPEAR MAY
RESULT IN A WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST**

- 1.3 The purpose of the hearing is to hear and consider evidence on the petition, and decide whether the petition should be granted.
- 1.4 **It is the petitioner's responsibility to have the above-named person served by someone other than the petitioner who is over the age of eighteen, and to provide proof of such service at the hearing.**

ADVICE OF RIGHTS AND CONSEQUENCES

- 1.1 A lawyer will be appointed for the child. The Office of Public Defense (OPD) shall appoint counsel within 72 hours of receipt of this petition and shall notify the court at least one court day prior to the hearing if OPD deems it is unable to comply with this court order.
- 1.2 The parent, legal custodian or guardian of the child has a right to be represented by a lawyer at the hearing. If the parent cannot afford a lawyer, the Court will appoint one. If the parent wants a court appointed attorney, s/he must contact the financial screener for the Office of Public Defense at (206) 477-9727 at 3 days prior to the hearing date.
- 1.3 All parties have the right to present evidence at the fact-finding hearing.
- 1.4 Parties are advised that if the Court approved the petition, the child may be ordered into an out-of-home placement, subject to the terms of the court order. This may include outpatient drug and alcohol treatment and/or mental health/psychological evaluation or treatment.
- 1.5 Parties are advised that the Court may, instead of approving the CHINS petition and ordering out-of-home placement, approve an at-risk youth petition filed by the parents, dismiss the CHINS petition, or order the case reviewed to determine whether a dependency petition should be filed.
- 1.6 If the Court approved an out-of-home placement, the parent may be required to contribute to the child's support. However, payments shall not be required of a parent who has both opposed the placement and continuously sought reconciliation with, and return of the child.
- 1.7 The child and the parent have the right to request a hearing to review the current placement pending the hearing set in paragraph 1.2.
- 1.8 The petition must be filed in the county where the parent resides.
- 1.9 The parent has the right to file an at-risk youth petition (Chapter 13.32A RCW), a guardianship petition (Chapter 11.88 RCW), or a dependency petition (Chapter 13.34 RCW). The parent also has the right to submit an application for admission of the child to a treatment facility for alcohol, chemical dependency, or mental health treatment. The parent may seek court review of a decision not to pursue involuntary commitment of the child for alcohol, chemical dependency or mental health treatment (Chapter 70.96A and 71.34 RCW)

Dated: _____

Judicial Officer

- Petitioner(s) waive(s) right to a hearing within 10 days of filing this petition because the child is currently living at home or in placement.

Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Petitioner

- Petitioner(s) waive(s) right to a hearing within 5 calendar days of filing this petition because the child's whereabouts are currently unknown

Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Petitioner

FAILURE TO APPEAR IN COURT IN RESPONSE TO THIS NOTICE AND ORDER TO APPEAR MAY RESULT IN A WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST. OR MAY RESULT IN AN ORDER BEING ENTERED APPROVING THE PETITION AND PLACING THE CHILD IN AN OUT OF HOME PLACEMENT.

IF THE PETITIONER FAILS TO APPEAR FOR ANY COURT HEARING, THE COURT MAY DISMISS THE CASE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE.