

You Should Know:

- Reunification is Child Welfare's **first goal** when a child is placed into protective custody.
- You will have family time with any child placed out of your home, if safe and appropriate.
- You will be provided general information about your child's placement.
- You may participate in developing a safety plan for your child.
- You will be asked for names of relatives, individuals who may have cared for your child, or family friends who may be able to provide a safe, temporary home for your child.
- You will be asked for names of individuals who could support you and/or help manage your child's safety.
- You will be treated with dignity and respect, free from discrimination.
- You may have your language or other needs accommodated.
- You may request a copy of your records maintained by the Oregon Department of Human Services at www.oregon.gov/odhs/pages/records-requests.aspx, or leave a message for the Public Records Unit at (503)945-5617. Any requests for records are subject to applicable federal and state confidentiality laws.

Local Child Welfare Office Address

Local Child Welfare Office Phone Number

Caseworker's Name

Caseworker's Phone Number

Caseworker's Email

Supervisor's Name

Supervisor's Phone Number

Supervisor's Email

You may speak to a supervisor or the Governor's Advocacy Office at (800) 442-5238 if you have any concerns about Child Welfare's actions.

You can get this document in other languages, large print, braille or a format you prefer free of charge. For Language Access Accommodations call 833-685-0841 or email odhs.languageaccess@odhsosha.oregon.gov
We accept all relay calls.



Notice of Protective Custody

Protective Custody

On _____, your child

(child(ren)'s name(s))

was placed into the protective custody of the Oregon Department of Human Services, Child Welfare as authorized by ORS 419B.150. Child Welfare took this action:

- ☐ Because it was ordered by the court.
- ☐ To protect your child from an imminent threat of severe harm.
- ☐ To protect your child from an imminent threat of physical damage or harm if ICWA/ORICWA* applies.
- ☐ To protect your child from an imminent threat of severe harm the child poses to themselves or others.
- ☐ To protect your child from an imminent threat that your child would be moved outside the juvenile court's jurisdiction.
- ☐ To have a suspicious injury on your child medically assessed and photographed, as required by ORS 419B.023.

Shelter Hearing

A court hearing will be held on:

DATE: _____

TIME: _____

LOCATION: _____

It is important you attend this hearing.

At the hearing, the judge will decide whether your child will be placed with you or will remain placed out of your home.

You may be represented by an attorney or you may ask the court to appoint an attorney for you.

You may bring support people with you to the hearing.

If your child is an ICWA/ORICWA* eligible Indian child, your child's Tribe has the right to be present and heard at this hearing.

*ICWA/ORICWA means the Indian Child Welfare Act and the Oregon Indian Child Welfare Act.

Your child was placed...

- ☐ With a parent, guardian, or Indian custodian.
- ☐ In foster care with a relative resource parent.
- ☐ In foster care with a non-relative resource parent.
- ☐ With a Tribal resource parent.
- ☐ At a medical facility.
- ☐ At a behavioral facility.

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If your child or their sibling is placed with a resource parent who is not a relative, please note: Child Welfare is required by law to inform you that if your child or their sibling is placed in foster care with a resource parent who is not a relative for at least 12 total months, the non-relative resource parent will have the same status and priority as a relative when Child Welfare considers who should be a potential adoptive parent for your child or their sibling, if applicable. If your child or their sibling is less than two years old, the non-relative resource parent will have the same status and priority as a relative after caring for your child or their sibling for half of their life. ***This does not apply to a child or their sibling for whom ICWA/ ORICWA* applies.***