

F.C.A. §1090-a (6/2016)

Docket #: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_

Form PH-4-b

(Notice to Child of Permanency Hearing  
- Questions You May Have)

To \_\_\_\_\_:

As a child in foster care, your case is heard by a Judge. This happens at least once every six months. This hearing is called a Permanency Hearing. You have a right to come if you would like.

**The next Hearing on your case is set as follows:**

**DATE:**

**TIME:**

**COURT:**

**ADDRESS:**

**PART/JUDGE:**

**At the Hearing, the Judge will make decisions about:**

- where you will live
- the plan the Caseworker has for you now and when you leave care
- what the Caseworker should be doing to help you
- what the Caseworker should be doing to help your family
- how your parents or other adults in your life should be helping with the plan

**Questions You May Have:**

**Question: Can I come to the hearing?**

**Answer:** Yes. If you are 10 or older, you have the right to be there. Even if you are younger, you can probably be there.

**Question: Do I have to come?**

**Answer:** No, you do not have to come. But you should speak with your lawyer about this decision. Your lawyer may be able to help with any problems that are keeping you from coming. Your lawyer's phone number is at the bottom of this form.

**Question: Why should I go?**

**Answer:** The Judge will be making decisions about you and your case. The Judge wants to hear from you if there is something you want the Judge to know. The Judge can answer your questions. If you don't go, your lawyer may speak on your behalf, but it would usually be better for you to be there too.

**Question: If the date or time is not good for me, can it be changed?**

**Answer:** Yes, tell your lawyer or your caseworker what the problem is. They may be able to get the date or time changed. They can also help make sure you get to the hearing.

**Question: Who else will be there?**

**Answer:** The judge hearing your case. Depending on the case, many others may be there: Your parents and caregivers and their lawyers. Your brothers and sisters. Your caseworker from the agency. Your lawyer. Others who provide services to you and your family.

**Question: Can I invite someone to come who is important to me?**

**Answer:** Yes, this is your hearing.

**Question: How will I get there ?**

**Answer:** Talk to your caseworker and your foster parents about this.

**Question: If I don't want to come, can I be on the phone, Skype or video?**

**Answer:** Yes, talk to your lawyer about arranging this.

**Question: If I don't want to come, can I write a letter to the judge?**

**Answer:** Yes, talk to your lawyer about this.

**Question: What if I have more questions?**

**Answer:** Talk to your lawyer about any other questions or concerns you have. The sooner, the better!

**Your lawyer's contact information:**

Name:

Phone number:

**Your caseworker's contact information:**

Name:

Phone number: