

Case Name

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FORM 2: NOTICE TO PARENT IN GUARDIANSHIP ACTION

You are a party in a guardianship action. If the Court determines that guardianship would be in your child's best interests, the Court may appoint a permanent guardian for your child. Except as otherwise provided by law, court hearings relating to dependent children are open to the public. You may request that the hearings be closed, and the Court may order them closed for good cause. As a parent or Indian custodian in a guardianship case, your legal rights include:

1. The right to counsel, including court-appointed counsel if you are indigent;
2. The right to trial by the Court on the allegations in the guardianship motion;
3. The right to cross-examine witnesses who are called to testify against you; and
4. The right to use the process of the court to compel the attendance of witnesses.

You are required to attend all guardianship hearings. If you cannot attend a court hearing, you must prove to the Court that you had good cause for not attending. If you fail to attend the Initial Guardianship Hearing, Pre-trial Conference, Settlement Conference, or Guardianship Adjudication Hearing without good cause, the Court may determine that you have waived your legal rights and admitted the allegations in the motion for guardianship. The Court may go forward with the Guardianship Adjudication Hearing in your absence and may establish a guardianship for your child based on the record and evidence presented. The Court will presume that you understand the contents of this notice unless you tell the Court at today's hearing that you do not understand this notice.

Next Hearing:

Date & Time

Judicial Officer

- Initial Guardianship Hearing
- Mediation
- Pre-Trial Conference
- Guardianship Adjudication Hrg

**Hearing Location: [Location Drop Down to include telephonic]
Courtroom:**

My signature confirms that I have received a copy of this document on this date.

Parent Signature

Printed Name

Date

Parent Signature

Printed Name

Date