

Case Name

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### FORM 3: NOTICE TO PARENT IN TERMINATION ACTION

You are a party in a termination action. If the Court determines that termination of your parental rights would be in your child's best interests, the Court may terminate your parental rights and your child may be adopted. 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 termination action, 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 termination motion or petition;
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 termination 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 Termination Hearing, Termination Pre-trial Conference, Status Conference, or Termination Adjudication Hearing without good cause, the Court may determine that you have waived your legal rights and admitted the grounds alleged in the motion/petition for termination. The Court may go forward with the Termination Adjudication Hearing in your absence and may terminate your parental rights to 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
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial Termination Hearing	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mediation	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Trial Conference	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Status Conference	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Termination 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.

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Parent Signature

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Printed Name

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Printed Name

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