

# FORM 2. NOTICE TO PARENT: IN-HOME INTERVENTION ACTION

**This is an important notice. Read it carefully. The court will presume you understand this notice unless you tell the court at today’s hearing you do not.**

The Department of Child Safety (DCS), or \_\_\_\_\_ has filed a dependency petition concerning your child.

**As a parent, or legal guardian, you have rights in this case.**

You have the right to an attorney. Your attorney will be with you at every hearing in your case. Hearings are open to the public, but you may ask the court to close the hearing.

If an In-Home Intervention is ordered by the court, DCS and the court will make decisions about your child's care and custody until you are able to do so. Also, services will be offered to you and the court will order you to complete those services within one year. If you ask for more time to complete services, the court will decide whether to give you more time.

**As a parent, or legal guardian, you also have responsibilities.**

1. **You must appear for every court date.** You are required to appear for every hearing the court sets.
2. **You must follow court orders and participate in reunification services.** You must participate in all the services the court orders. If you fail to follow court orders, or participate in services, the court can revoke the in-home intervention orders, remove your child from your care, and may schedule an adjudication hearing on the dependency petition.
3. **You must attend any adjudication hearings.** If the court schedules an adjudication hearing, there will also be other court dates such as a pre-trial conference and a settlement conference. You must attend the hearing and conferences. At the adjudication hearing your attorney may question any witness who testifies against you. You have a right at an adjudication hearing to subpoena witnesses, to present documents, and to testify on your own behalf. If you don't show up for the adjudication hearing and you don't have a good reason for not showing up, the court may find you have waived your rights in this case and you have admitted the allegations in the dependency petition. The court may then consider evidence in your absence. If the court determines your child is dependent, your child will become a ward of the court. If your child is a ward of the court, DCS and the court will make decisions about your child's care and custody until you show you are able to do so. If within a certain time you cannot fix the problems that caused your child to become dependent, the court may terminate your parental rights and your child may be adopted, or a permanent guardian may be appointed for your child.

Upcoming Hearing Title	Date & Time	Appearance Type	Judicial Officer
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Facility Assignment \_\_\_\_\_ Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_

Court Connect Link & Conference Number \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

My signature means I received a copy of this notice and I understand my rights, my responsibilities, and the consequences of failing to appear at future hearings or failing to participate in reunification services.

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**Parent Signature** **Printed Name** **Date**