

This chart shows the order of events throughout your child's involvement with DCYF.

## Child Welfare Dependency Timeline

DEPENDENCY PROCESS TIMELINE • PERMANENCY PLANNING THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE LIFE OF CASE

CPS Referral	Child placed into protective custody (by law enforcement or by court order)	Shelter Care Hearing	Continued Shelter Care Hearing	Fact Finding Hearing (within 75 days of filing a petition)	Disposition Hearing	First Dependency Review Hearing	Permanency Planning Hearing	Dependency Review Hearing	Ongoing Reviews
	72 Hour Maximum	30 Days		90 Days	6 Months	12 Months	18 Months	Every 6 Months	

It is of great value to your child that you have a say in what happens to them by attending all court hearings, communicating what you think is best for your children with your attorney, your child's CASA/Guardian Ad Litem and caseworker.

		Other
		Father Support Person
		School/Daycare
		CASA/Guardian Ad Litem
		Lawyer
		Child's Caseworker
Phone Number	Name	

## Important Phone Numbers

# Fathers Matter

*Promoting Positive Family Outcomes Together*

Fathers are important to their child's safety and well-being. This card has basic information on the court process, resources and supports that are available to you.



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If the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, Child Welfare is involved in your child's life, you may have many questions about your rights and responsibilities. To help you understand them, you may contact your caseworker, whose name and contact information is on the back of this card.

- Stay focused on the well-being of your child.
- Be on time for and attend all court hearings and meetings regarding your child.
- Ask questions about the process, how your child is doing, what changes need to be made to safely have or keep your child in your home, and what you can do to support your child.
- Communicate about your needs, your child's needs, and your schedule.
- If your child is placed out of your home, attend all Family Time and keep a positive attitude with your child.
- Attend all court-ordered services and be open to positive change.

If your child is placed out of your home, you have a right to Family Time within 72 hours of placement and on an ongoing basis.

## RESOURCES

<b>I need help with child care</b>	<a href="http://wa.childcareaware.org">http://wa.childcareaware.org</a> <i>Child Care Aware of Washington</i> 1 (800) 416-4321
<b>I would like to apply for income assistance and/or food assistance</b>	<a href="https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/community-services-offices/how-apply-services">https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/community-services-offices/how-apply-services</a> 1 (877) 501-2233
<b>I need medical insurance</b>	<a href="https://www.wahbexchange.org/">https://www.wahbexchange.org/</a> <i>Health Benefits Exchange</i> 1 (855) 923-4633
<b>I have questions about child support</b>	1 (800) 442-KIDS (5437)
<b>I need information on housing</b>	<a href="https://www.dshs.wa.gov/housing-assistance">https://www.dshs.wa.gov/housing-assistance</a>
<b>I need information on domestic violence programs</b>	<a href="https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/InjuryandViolencePrevention/SexualandDomesticViolence/DomesticViolence">https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/InjuryandViolencePrevention/SexualandDomesticViolence/DomesticViolence</a> <i>National Domestic Violence Hotline</i> 1 (800) 799-7233