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## **WHO IS PRESENT AT A DEPENDENCY MEDIATION SESSION**

- YOU!
- Mediator – a neutral, impartial person to lead discussion and offer possible solutions
- DFCS – if the state is bringing the dependency action against the parent
- Attorneys – only if the parties want their attorneys present; attorneys are not required.
- Relatives
- Other people involved in the case when the parties invite them.
- Child Attorney
- GAL/CASA who represent the child(ren)'s best interest.

**NOTE: Children do not attend the mediation sessions unless requested by the Court or Child Attorney.**

## **PROTECTIVE ORDERS**

**THROUGH A PROTECTIVE ORDER, THE COURT MAY REQUIRE ANY PERSON:**

- To stay away from the home or the child.
- To permit a parent to visit the child at stated periods.
- To abstain from offensive conduct against the child, the child's parent, or any person to whom custody is awarded.
- To give proper attention to the care of the home.
- To cooperate in good faith with an agency to which custody is entrusted by the court or with an agency or association to which the child is referred by the court.
- To refrain from acts of commission or omission that tend to make the home not a proper place for the child.
- To ensure that the child attends school pursuant to any valid law relating to compulsory attendance.
- To participate with the child in any counseling or treatment deemed necessary after consideration of employment and other family needs.
- To enter into and complete successfully a substance abuse program approved by the court.

## Visiting Juvenile Court

Fulton County Juvenile Court is located in the Judge Romae T. Powell Juvenile Justice Center at 395 Pryor Street SW in Atlanta, GA 30312. The court is open Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

### **Parking & Public Transportation**

Parking is available in the lot located in front of the Juvenile Justice Center. The lot is accessible from Pryor Street SW, Fulton Street SW and Formwalt Street SW. The Juvenile Justice Center can also be reached by public transportation via MARTA Bus Route 49.

### **Entering Juvenile Court**

The Judge Romae T. Powell Juvenile Justice Center is a secure facility. All persons entering the building will be required to pass through a metal detector and have hand-carried objects scanned. Weapons of any kind, cameras and cell phones with cameras are not permitted into the building.

When you enter the Juvenile Justice Center, you must pass through security. In order to facilitate the process, please:

- Take off all coats, jackets and hats
- Remove steel toed boots (other shoes are okay)
- Remove cell phones from pockets, purses and bags and place in the bottom of the bin
- Remove laptops from bags - after passing through security, you will have to turn them to show that they work
- Walk through the metal detector with your hands at your sides. If the metal detector beeps, you will be checked with a hand-held wand before you may retrieve your belongings.

