

# Appendix 1

## Barton Child Law & Policy Clinic ASFA Survey

### *Survey of Court Professionals Regarding Foster Parents Right to Have Notice and To Be Heard*

Target Audience: Georgia Juvenile Court Participants.

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Please answer all subsequent questions according to your particular jurisdictions practices.

1. With what profession are you affiliated? (Check only one answer)

Juvenile Court Judge

SAAG

GAL

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. For what proceedings are foster parents and relative caregivers receiving notice? (Check all that apply)

Periodic reviews by judge

Periodic reviews by panel

Permanency

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. How is notice being given in your jurisdiction? (Check all that apply).

Regular mail from court

Regular mail from DFCS

Certified mail from court

Certified mail from DFCS

Phone call from court

Phone call from DFCS

In person from DFCS

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Who is responsible for providing notice to foster parents and relative caregivers? (Check only one answer)**

Court

SAAG

DFCS

CASA/GAL

Don't Know

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. How much notice do foster parents and relative caregivers usually receive? (Check only one answer)**

They do not receive notice

Less than 2 days

Less than 7 days

7 - 14 days

15 - 21 days

More than 21 days

Don't Know

**6. Are foster parents and relative caregivers given notice of their right to the opportunity to be heard? (Check only one answer)**

Always

Most of the Time

Some of the Time

Never

Don't Know

**7. ASFA, the federal law, requires that foster parents have 'an opportunity to be heard.' What would you like that phrase to mean? 'The opportunity to'?' (Check only one answer)**

Speak in court

Submit something in writing to the judge

Have concerns verbalized to the court by DFCS case manager

Have concerns verbalized to the court by CASA/GAL

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**8. How are foster parents and relative caregivers currently given the opportunity to be heard at hearings? (Check all that apply)**

They are not given the opportunity to be heard

In person

In writing

Through DFCS case manager

Through CASA/GAL

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Please describe briefly, how often and in what manner you include information from foster parents and relative caregivers at hearings:**

**10. Do you think information from foster parents and relative caregivers should be included at hearings? (Check only one answer)**

Yes

No

No Opinion

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Would you support the use of a standardized form that would give foster parents and relative caregivers notice of review and permanency hearings, as well as notice of their right to the opportunity to be heard? (Check only one answer)**

Yes

No

Don't Know

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**12. Would you support the use of a standardized form that would assist foster parents and relative caregivers in providing relevant information to the court? (Check only one answer)**

Yes

No

Don't Know

Other: \_\_\_\_\_