

# Appendix 2

## ASFA Survey

### Foster Parents Right to Have Notice and To Be Heard

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**Target Audience: All Georgia Foster Parents.**

**ASFA Survey from the Supreme Court Child Placement Project, a joint effort with Barton Child Law & Policy Clinic**

**Survey of Foster Parents Regarding Their Right to Have Notice and To Be Heard**

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**1. Are you familiar with the Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) of 1997? (Check only one answer)**

Yes

No

Somewhat

**2. For what hearings pertaining to the children in your care do you receive notice? (Check all that apply)**

I do not receive notice for any hearing

Periodic reviews by judge

Periodic reviews by panel

Permanency

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

**3. How often is notice being provided for the hearings you marked above? (Check only one answer)**

Always

Most of the time

Some of the time

Rarely or never

**4. When you are given notice of hearings, from whom do you usually receive that notice? (Check only one answer)**

I do not receive notice

Court

Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS)

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)/Guardian Ad Litem (GAL)

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

**5. When you receive notice of hearings, how is it given? (Check all that apply)**

I do not receive notice

Regular mail

Certified mail

Electronic mail

Phone call

In person

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

**6. When you receive notice of hearings, how much notice do you get? (Check only one answer)**

I do not receive notice

Less than 2 days

Less than 7 days

7 - 14 days

15 - 21 days

More than 21 days

**7. Before hearings, are you given information about your right to have an opportunity to be heard? (Check only one answer)**

Yes

No

Sometimes

**8. 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 my concerns verbalized to the court by DFCS case manager

Have my concerns verbalized to the court by CASA/GAL

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

**9. For what proceedings are you given the opportunity to be heard? (Check all that apply)**

None

Periodic reviews by judge

Periodic reviews by panel

Permanency

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

**10. How are you given the opportunity to be heard? (Check all that apply)**

I am not given the opportunity to be heard

In person (testify in court)

In person (at panel reviews)

In person (speaking to the judge but not as a formal witness)

In writing

Through DFCS case manager

Through CASA/GAL

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

**11. Do you feel you have an adequate opportunity to participate in the hearing process? (Check only one answer)**

Yes

No

**12. Is there a relationship between your ability to participate and your desire to continue foster parenting? (Check only one answer)**

Yes

No

**13. If you answered yes to the previous question, please describe the relationship.**

**14. Would you support the use of a standardized form that would give foster parents and relative caregivers notice of hearings and notice of their right to have an opportunity to be heard? (Check only one answer)**

Yes

No

I don't know

**15. 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

I don't know

**16. Comments:**