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NOTICE AND SUMMONS--SCHEDULING OF FACTFINDING HEARING

(a) Notice and Summons. After the petition has been filed, notice and summons shall be issued and served pursuant to RCW 13.34.070 or published pursuant to RCW 13.34.080. The notice shall state that the petition begins a process which, if the juvenile is found dependent, may result in permanent termination of the parent-child relationship.

(b) Advice To Be Contained in Notice. A notice directed to the juvenile or the juvenile's parent, custodian, or guardian shall contain the following advisement:

Right to Lawyer

(1) You have the right to talk to a lawyer if you desire and, if you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you.

(2) A lawyer can look at the social and legal files in your case, talk to the caseworker, tell you about the law, help you understand your rights, and help you at trial.

(c) Scheduling Factfinding Hearing. The court shall schedule a factfinding hearing to be held within 75 days of the filing of the petition alleging dependency, giving preference to those cases where the juvenile is held in shelter care. The court may, for good cause shown, continue the hearing to a later time at the request of a party.

(d) Indian Children. If the petitioner knows or has reason to know that the juvenile is an Indian child as defined by the federal Indian Child Welfare Act, the petitioner shall notify the child's tribe in the manner required by RCW 13.34.070(10) and 25 U.S.C. 1912.

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