

**JuCR 3.8**  
**DISPOSITION HEARING**

**(a) Time.** If a juvenile has been found to be dependent, the court shall hold a disposition hearing. If the disposition hearing does not immediately follow the factfinding hearing, notice of the continued hearing shall be given to all parties in accordance with RCW 13.34.110.

**(b) Informing Parties of Purpose of Hearing.** The court shall inform the parties of the purpose of the hearing. The court shall inform the parties of the new status of the juvenile as a result of the finding of dependency.

**(c) Evidence.** The court shall consider the social file, social study, and other appropriate predisposition studies, in addition to information produced at the factfinding and disposition hearings. Any party shall have the right to be heard at the disposition hearing. Any social file, social study, or predisposition study shall be made available for inspection by a party or his or her lawyer for a reasonable time prior to the disposition hearing.

**(d) Submission of Agency Plan.** If the agency plan referred to in RCW 13.34.130(3) is not submitted to the court at the time of the disposition hearing, it shall be filed with the court and distributed to all parties within 30 days after the disposition hearing.

**(e) Transferring Legal Custody.** A disposition which orders removal of the juvenile from his or her home shall have the effect of transferring legal custody to the agency or custodian charged with the juvenile's care. The transfer of legal custody shall give the legal custodian the following rights and duties:

- (1) To maintain the physical custody of the juvenile;
- (2) To protect, train, and discipline the juvenile;
- (3) To provide food, clothing, shelter, education as required by law, and routine medical care for a juvenile; and
- (4) To consent to emergency medical and surgical care and to sign a release of medical information to appropriate authorities, pursuant to law.

The court may, in its disposition order, modify the rights and duties granted to the legal custodian as a result of the transfer of legal custody.

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