

viously been adjudicated a delinquent child and committed to an institution is released from the commitment under the supervision of an agency designated by the court under conditions the judge or the agency deems proper.

(r) "Guardianship of the person of a child or minor" means the duty and authority to make major decisions in matters having a permanent effect on the life and/or development of the child or minor and his general welfare.

(s) "Legal Custody" means a status created by a ~~valid~~ court order which vests in the custodian the right to have physical possession and control of a child or minor and to determine where and with whom he lives and the right to consent to ordinary medical care subject to the powers, rights, duties, and responsibilities of the guardian of a person of the child or minor and subject also to any residual parental rights and responsibilities. When an individual is granted legal custody, he shall exercise the rights and responsibilities personally, unless otherwise authorized by the court.

(t) "Residual parental rights and responsibilities" means those rights and responsibilities remaining with the parent after the transfer of legal custody or guardianship of the person, including, but not limited to, the right to reasonable visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine the child's religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support;

(u) "Commit" means to transfer legal custody;

(v) "Custodian" means a person, or agency, other than a parent or legal guardian to whom legal custody of the child has been given by order of the court.

(w) "Intake Consultant" is that person assigned by the Department of Juvenile Services to the respective Juvenile Courts to provide the intake services set forth in this subtitle.

(x) "Adjudicatory hearing" means a hearing to determine the truth of the allegations in the petition.

(y) "Disposition hearing" is a hearing to determine (1) whether the child is in need of supervision, treatment, or rehabilitation; and if so, (2) the nature of the supervision, treatment, or rehabilitation.

(z) The singular includes the plural, the plural the singular, and the masculine, the feminine, when consistent with the intent of this subtitle.

(aa) "~~County~~" means each county in the State and the City of Baltimore.

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- (a) The court has exclusive original jurisdiction:
- (1) over persons alleged to be delinquent children;
 - (2) over persons alleged to be dependent children;
 - (3) over children alleged to be neglected children;
 - (4) over children alleged to be in need of supervision;
 - (5) over children alleged to be mentally handicapped;