

(e) "Dependent" or "neglected child" means any child who is destitute or homeless or abandoned or dependent upon the public for support or is without proper care and guardianship, or is unlawfully kept out of school, or mentally handicapped, or is found living in conditions endangering his physical or mental well being.

(f) A child who is a dependent child by reason of being "mentally handicapped" is one who is or may be expected to be partially or totally incapacitated for education or remunerative occupation because of retarded mental development or severe emotional disturbance; is or may be a danger to himself or the person or property of others due to severe emotional disturbance; or who is mentally defective or mentally ill.

(g) "Child in need of supervision" means a child subject to compulsory school attendance who is habitually a truant from school; or who, without substantial fault on the part of his parents, guardian, or other custodian, is habitually disobedient, ungovernable and beyond their control, or who, without just cause or consent deserts his home or place of abode, or who so departs himself as to injure or endanger himself or others; or who has committed an offense applicable only to children.

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Except as otherwise provided, the people's court judge for juvenile causes of Montgomery County shall have the following jurisdiction and powers:

[(a) He shall possess the same powers as a justice of the peace or magistrate for criminal causes, or judge of the People's Court of Montgomery County now or may hereafter have as defined by law.]

[(b)](a) [He] The court shall have exclusive jurisdiction [over other justices of the peace or trial magistrates or People's Court judges] in proceedings concerning any child within Montgomery County who is alleged to be [dependent] delinquent, dependent, neglected, [or is a minor without proper care and guardianship] or to be in need of supervision; and except where the child is under the jurisdiction of [another court] a circuit court of the State of Maryland, [he] the court shall have the power to determine the custody of the person of any child living within the county whose welfare appears to be endangered, and to determine parental rights in connection with such proceedings and to order either the father or mother of said child to pay such sum as will cover in whole or in part the support of such child after giving the parents a reasonable opportunity to be heard. [; provided, however, he shall have no jurisdiction in any instance in which a child between the ages of 16 and 18 years is charged with the violation of any provision of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code, or of any other traffic law or ordinance, other than manslaughter by automobile, unauthorized use or occupancy of a motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, or tampering with a motor vehicle.]

[(c)](b) [He] The judge shall have power to place any child found to be delinquent, dependent or neglected or a child [without proper care or guardianship] who is in need of supervision in the