

[(p)] (O) "Mentally handicapped child" means a child who is or may be mentally retarded or mentally ill.

[(q)] (P) "Party" includes a child who is the subject of a petition, the child's parent, guardian, or custodian, the petitioner and an adult who is charged under § 3-831 of this subtitle.

[(r)] (Q) "Shelter care" means the temporary care of children in physically unrestricting facilities.

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(c) (1) The intake officer may authorize the filing of a petition if, based upon the complaint and his preliminary inquiry, he concludes that the court has jurisdiction over the matter and that judicial action is in the best interests of the public or the child. [The intake officer shall inform the parties, and if practicable, the complainant, preferably in person, of his decision to authorize the filing of a petition and the reasons for his decision.]

(2) THE INTAKE OFFICER SHALL INFORM THE PARTIES OF HIS DECISION TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF A PETITION AND THE REASONS FOR HIS DECISION.

(3) IF THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ARE NOT PARTIES AND IT IS PRACTICABLE, THE INTAKE OFFICER SHALL ALSO INFORM, PREFERABLY IN PERSON, THESE PERSONS OF HIS DECISION TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF A PETITION AND THE REASONS FOR HIS DECISION:

(I) THE VICTIM;

(II) THE ARRESTING POLICE OFFICER; AND

(III) THE PERSON OR AGENCY THAT FILED THE COMPLAINT OR CAUSED IT TO BE FILED.

(g) If based upon the complaint, his preliminary inquiry, and such further investigation as he may make, the intake officer concludes that the court has no jurisdiction, or that neither an informal adjustment nor judicial action is appropriate, he may deny authorization to file a petition. He shall, in that event, inform the [complainant] FOLLOWING PERSONS, in writing, of his decision, the reasons for it, and [the complainant's] THEIR right of review provided in this section[.]:

(1) THE VICTIM;

(2) THE ARRESTING POLICE OFFICER; AND

(3) THE PERSON OR AGENCY THAT FILED THE COMPLAINT OR CAUSED IT TO BE FILED.