

"Local department" § 1-101

"Parent" § 5-301

"Party" § 5-301

"Person" § 1-101

5-326. REVIEW HEARINGS.

(A) PERIODIC HEARING.

(1) A JUVENILE COURT SHALL HOLD:

(I) AN INITIAL GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW HEARING AS SCHEDULED UNDER § 5-324(B)(1)(VI) OF THIS SUBTITLE TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENCY PLAN FOR THE CHILD; AND

(II) AT LEAST ONCE EACH YEAR AFTER THE INITIAL GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW HEARING UNTIL THE JUVENILE COURT'S JURISDICTION TERMINATES, A GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW HEARING.

(2) AT EACH GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW HEARING, A JUVENILE COURT SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER:

(I) THE CHILD'S CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES AND PLACEMENT ARE IN THE CHILD'S BEST INTERESTS;

(II) THE PERMANENCY PLAN THAT IS IN EFFECT IS IN THE CHILD'S BEST INTERESTS; AND

(III) REASONABLE EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO FINALIZE THE PERMANENCY PLAN THAT IS IN EFFECT.

(3) (I) A JUVENILE COURT SHALL GIVE AT LEAST 30 DAYS' NOTICE BEFORE EACH GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW HEARING FOR A CHILD TO:

1. THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT;

2. THE CHILD'S ATTORNEY; AND

3. EACH OF THE CHILD'S LIVING PARENTS WHO HAS NOT WAIVED THE RIGHT TO NOTICE AND THAT PARENT'S ATTORNEY.

(II) A PARENT IS ENTITLED TO BE HEARD AND TO PARTICIPATE AT A GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW HEARING.

(III) A PARENT IS NOT A PARTY SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF THE RIGHT TO NOTICE OR OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR PARTICIPATE AT A GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW HEARING.

(4) (I) A LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL GIVE A CHILD'S CAREGIVER AT LEAST 7 DAYS' NOTICE BEFORE A GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW HEARING.