

3-805.

(a) (1) A petition alleging that a child is a CINA shall be filed in the county where:

[(1)] (I) The child is residing when the petition is filed; or

[(2)] (II) The act on which the petition is based allegedly occurred.

(2) A VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT PETITION REQUESTING A VOLUNTARY DISPOSITION HEARING SHALL BE FILED IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN RESIDES.

3-807.

(a) (4) (i) In Prince George's County, the judges of the circuit court may not appoint or continue the appointment of masters for juvenile causes, except for the purpose of conducting:

1. Probable cause hearings, detention hearings, arraignments, acceptances of admissions, and restitution hearings in delinquency cases under Subtitle 8A of this title; [and]

2. Shelter care, adjudicatory, and disposition hearings in CINA cases under this subtitle; AND

3. VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT DISPOSITION HEARINGS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

3-810.

(b) (1) In any proceeding in which a child is alleged to be in need of assistance OR IN ANY VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT DISPOSITION HEARING, the court may exclude the general public from a hearing and admit only those persons having a direct interest in the proceeding and their representatives.

3-811.

(a) (1) A CINA petition under this subtitle shall allege that a child is in need of assistance OR REQUIRES A VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT DISPOSITION HEARING and shall set forth in clear and simple language the facts supporting that allegation.

(2) A VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT PETITION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL ALLEGE THAT CONTINUATION OF A VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD AND SHALL SET FORTH IN CLEAR AND SIMPLE LANGUAGE THE FACTS SUPPORTING THAT ALLEGATION.

3-817.

(a) After a CINA petition is filed under this subtitle, the court shall hold an adjudicatory hearing.