

**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON  
COUNTY OF SKAGIT - JUVENILE COURT**

In the Interest of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Child/Juvenile Name)

D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

NO:

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHILD IN NEED OF  
SERVICES (CHINS) PETITION  
(NTHG)**

**STATE OF WASHINGTON TO:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**I. NOTICE OF HEARING**

1.1 You are notified that a petition, a copy of which is attached, was filed with this court, requesting approval of a Child in Need of Services (CHINS) Petition.

1.2 A hearing will be held:

On \_\_\_\_\_ at: \_\_\_\_\_  a.m.  p.m.

At: Skagit County Courthouse

Address: 205 West Kincaid Street, Suite 202

Mount Vernon, WA 98273-4225

1.3 The purpose of the hearing is to hear and consider evidence on the petition.

1.4 If you do not appear THE COURT MAY ENTER AN ORDER IN YOUR ABSENCE approving the petition and placing the child in an out-of-home placement.

**II. ADVICE OF RIGHTS AND CONSEQUENCES**

- 2.1 A lawyer will be appointed for the child.
- 2.2 The parent (legal custodian) of the child has the right to be represented by a lawyer at the hearing. If a parent is indigent, the court will appoint a lawyer for the parent.
- 2.3 All parties have the right to present evidence at the hearing.
- 2.4 Parties are advised that if the court approves the petition, the child will be ordered into an out-of-home placement, subject to the terms of the court order, and the parents will not be relieved of financial responsibility for the child unless the parents oppose placement and continuously seek reconciliation and return of the child.
- 2.5 Parties are advised that the court may, instead of approving the CHINS petition and ordering out-of-home placement, approve an at-risk-youth petition filed by the parents, dismiss the CHINS petition, or order the case reviewed to determine whether a Dependency Petition should be filed.
- 2.6 The parent has the right to file an at-risk-youth petition (Chapter 13.32A RCW), a Guardianship Petition (Chapter 11.88 RCW), or a Dependency Petition (Chapter 13.34 RCW). The parent also has the right to submit an application for admission of the child to a treatment facility for alcohol, chemical dependency, or mental health treatment. The parent may seek court review of a decision not to pursue involuntary commitment of the child for alcohol, chemical dependency or mental health treatment (Chapters 70.96A and 71.34.RCW).

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk