Superior Court of the State of California County of Grange



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Invenile Court

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Juvenile Court Administrative Order No. 11/010-903

Juvenile Court Hearings

Access to Juvenile Court hearings are governed by Welfare and Institutions Code, section 346 (dependency proceedings) and section 676 (delinquency proceedings), and California Rules of Court, rule 5.530, which restricts public access to proceedings.

A. The following persons shall be entitled to be present at Juvenile Court proceedings:

- 1. All persons described in subdivision (b), of Rule 5.530, California Rules of Court.
- 2. Members of the public to the extent provided by Welfare and Institutions Code, section 676.
- 3. Victims and their support persons to the extent provided by Welfare and Institutions Code, section 676.5.
- 4. Persons providing statements to the extent provided by Welfare and Institutions Code, section 656.2.

B. The following persons may be admitted to Juvenile Court proceedings:

- Persons the Court deems to have a direct and legitimate interest in the particular case or the work of the Court, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, sections 346 and 676.
- 2. Persons requested to be present and consented to by the minor, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, sections 346 and 676.

C. Guidelines regarding admission to Juvenile Court proceedings:

Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, sections 346 and 676, persons with a
direct and legitimate interest in the work of the Juvenile Court may include
representatives of the press, law enforcement personnel, CASA, governmental
agencies, community organizations and students. Admission of such persons

shall be only to the extent authorized by the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court.

- 2. Persons and organizations with a direct and legitimate interest in the work of the Juvenile Court seeking admission to court proceedings shall seek authorization from the Presiding Judge, by contacting Juvenile Court Administration.
- 3. Persons and organizations admitted to Juvenile Court proceedings pursuant to this administrative order shall be required to sign a confidentiality agreement acknowledging the provisions of this order.
- 4. The parties to the Juvenile Court proceeding may object to the admission of any person or organization to a court proceeding. The Court shall take any objection into consideration in the exercise of its discretion to admit such persons or organizations or the conditions of such admission.

D. Non-Publication/Dissemination of Juvenile Court proceedings:

1. Any member of the public admitted into a Juvenile Court hearing shall not publish or disseminate any information regarding any matter heard by the Juvenile Court, including but not limited to: the identity of any party, attorney, probation officer, social worker, witness, therapist; the allegations made in the petition[s]; the facts and circumstances of the matter; the orders and findings by the Court, unless permitted by statute, rule or court order. The terms "publish or disseminate" means: revealing information to any person through television, radio, newspapers, magazines, email, the Internet, or any form of social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, You Tube, blogs, or any form of personal communication.

This Juvenile Court Administrative Order is to remain in effect until otherwise ordered by the Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court.

Dated this 23rd Day of November, 2011

Douglas I Hatchimonji

Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court