

New Jersey Division of Child Protection
and Permanency (DCP&P),

Plaintiff,

v.

Defendant,

In the Matter of:

Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division - Family Part

County

Docket Number: F

NJSpirit Case

Number:

Civil Action

To:

Re:

A hearing is scheduled for
(date) at (time)

☐ in at
New Jersey

☐ in a virtual hearing (please contact the Family Division at the number below to obtain the virtual hearing information)

before the concerning
a foster child in your care.

As the resource family member, you have the right to appear and address the judge about any concerns or questions regarding the child. Your information can be helpful to the court to ensure that necessary services and/or plans for the child are in place. You are not required to attend but are welcome. If this has been scheduled for an in-person hearing, you also can ask the court for permission to participate by telephone or virtually on your computer or smartphone. Please note that due to the confidentiality of the matter, it is unlikely that you can remain in the entire hearing. You might be asked to leave once you have spoken with the judge.

Please complete the attached *Resource Family Information Form* if you are not going to attend the hearing. Any issues or concerns or other information you wish to bring to the court's attention should be included in that form and mailed back to the court at least 7 days before the scheduled court hearing. You can also give the completed form to the DCP&P caseworker before the hearing. The proceeding is confidential, but the information you provide will be shared with the parties to the case (DCP&P, parents, attorneys and child).

If the child's appearance is required at this hearing, the Law Guardian or the DCP&P caseworker will contact you. You might be asked to bring the child to court. The child might be more comfortable attending court with you.

If you need an interpreter or an accommodation for a disability, notify the court immediately. Please contact the Family Division at the number below on the day before the court hearing to confirm.

If you have questions, call _____.