

# Oregon's Juvenile Dependency Court Proceedings

This hearing must be held within 24 Judicial hours after placement (excluding weekends and holidays). The purpose is to determine issues about removal of the child from parental custody.

This time line shows the **maximum** times permitted by state and federal law. Courts may schedule proceedings sooner than the times shown due to the special circumstances of a case and parent progress with the case plan. Courts sometimes schedule additional hearings following jurisdiction to review parental compliance and progress on the case plan.

**Shelter Hearing**

**Pre-Trial (Preliminary) Hearing**

**Jurisdiction & Disposition Hearing**

**CRB Review**

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**Permanency Hearing**

**Day 1**

**Day 30**

**Day 60**

**Day 180**  
(6 months)

**Day 360**  
(12 months)

**Day 420**  
(14 months)

This hearing resolves as many issues as possible before trial including: wording of the petition, negotiations, and admission or denial of allegations. In some cases, parents may admit or deny allegations by filing papers with the court instead of appearing at a hearing.

At this hearing, the court takes evidence and makes decisions on the allegations of the petition. Judges also issue their rulings (also called the disposition) on the case plan, services, timelines, and consequences of noncompliance.

The Citizen Review Board (CRB) reviews the case plans of children in substitute care. The parents, foster parents, attorneys, caseworker, other interested parties, and child, if appropriate, are invited to attend the review and discuss the plan for each child. The CRB makes recommendations and findings as to whether the plan and services are appropriate. Subsequent CRB reviews are held every six months unless the court holds a hearing that cancels the CRB.

At this hearing the court reviews parent progress and decides on a permanent plan for a child in foster care. Subsequent permanency hearings are held every 12 months until the child leaves care.