

Attorney Resource Letter:

For Attorneys Handling Child Protective Services Cases

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Greetings,

Did you know that you can sign up for email notice for hearings in certain CPS cases? The Supreme Court Children's Commission and the Office of Court Administration host a CPS Hearing Notification service that provides hearing notice by email to court participants (attorneys, CPS personnel, CASA, parents, relative caregivers, and adoptive/foster parents) involved in cases heard by our Child Protection Specialty Courts. The CPS Specialty Courts cover all the counties listed here. If you are associated with a case in one of these counties, heard by a CPS Specialty Court judge, you can receive notification of hearings by email 1, 3, 7, 14, and/or 30 days in advance of any hearing scheduled.

Registration is quick, easy and the service is free. Once you create a user ID, you will be able to search the CPS Specialty Court's docketing system for your case, and sign up according to the <u>instructions</u> provided. The search results will display a summary of upcoming hearing dates as well as a summary of all open cases, regardless of whether a hearing has been scheduled or not.

Ready to start receiving e-notifications? Create a user ID and register here:



Once you are registered, the User Guide will provide detailed instructions to help you get set up to receive e-notifications:

http://texaschildrenscommission.gov/media/903/NotificationsHelp1.pdf

Link to a map of counties covered by the project: http://www.txcourts.gov/media/1376968/childprotectioncourts asofjune142016.pdf

Users may be contacted by the Children's Commission in the near future to assess the usefulness of the tool. Please report any difficulties setting up a user profile or using the tool by sending an email to children@txcourts.gov





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