

### Petition Review:

A review will be scheduled within three (3) months of the disposition and again within six (6) months of the first review.

### Contempt:

(Willful violation of a court order) A motion for contempt may be made by a parent, child, or by any public agency, organization or person having custody of the child under an At-Risk order.

### Warrants:

Requests may be made for a warrant directing law enforcement to take a child into custody and place into a detention facility.

A Court Services Officer may file a motion for an order authorizing issuance of a warrant *only if*:

- The child's whereabouts are unknown.
- Failure to appear for a court hearing.

Any further questions concerning At-Risk Youth petitions may be directed to:

**Division of Children, Youth and Family Services (DCYF)**

1-888-713-6115

**Kitsap County Juvenile Department:**

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AT-RISK YOUTH



SUPERIOR COURT OF KITSAP COUNTY

Juvenile and Family Court Services

### Steps to file At-Risk Youth Petition:

ONLY a parent or legal guardian can file an At-Risk Youth Petition.

1. Call the Division of Children, Youth and Family Services (DCYF): 800-762-4902.
2. Request to file an At-Risk Youth Petition.
3. Request a family assessment. At the family assessment, the caseworker will discuss any services previously provided, resources currently available, and alternatives to court intervention.
4. Following the family assessment, DCYF will provide the parent with a written form.
5. Call the Court Services Officer at Kitsap County Juvenile Department (info listed on back of pamphlet) to schedule an appointment to complete and file the petition.

*A petition may not be filed if a dependency action is pending under RCW 13.34.*

### AT-RISK YOUTH RCW 13.32A

At-risk youth means a juvenile:

- I. Who is absent from home for at least seventy-two (72) consecutive hours without consent of his or her parent; *or*
- II. Who is beyond the control of his or her parent such that the child's behavior endangers the health, safety, or welfare of the child or any other person; *or*
- III. Who has a substance abuse problem for which there are no pending criminal charges related to the substance abuse.

#### Counsel:

Upon filing, an attorney will be appointed for the child. The parent is *not* entitled to court-appointed counsel, but may retain private counsel.

#### Fact-Finding Hearing:

A fact-finding hearing will be set within ten (10) judicial days. However, the matter will proceed only after the child is served with proper notice of the proceeding.

If the juvenile denies the allegations in the petition; a fact-finding hearing will be scheduled.

At the fact-finding hearing, the petition shall be granted if:

- The court finds the allegations in the petition are established by a preponderance of the evidence, or
- The juvenile admits to the petition.

If the petition is granted, the court will enter an order requiring the child to attend school and to reside in the home of his or her parent or in a placement approved by the parent.

### Dispositional Hearing:

A dispositional hearing is set fourteen (14) days after the petition is granted. The court may:

- Request an Individual Service Plan (ISP) from DCYF.
- Set conditions of supervision for the child that include:
  - Regular school attendance;
  - Counseling;
  - Participation in a substance abuse or mental health outpatient treatment program;
  - Reporting on a regular basis to DCYF or any other designated person or agency; and
  - Any other condition the court deems an appropriate condition of supervision including but not limited to: employment, participation in an anger management program, and refraining from using alcohol or drugs.
- Order the parent to participate in counseling services or other services for the child requiring parental participation. (The parent shall be financially responsible for costs related to the court-ordered plan.)
- Order DCYF to monitor compliance, assist in coordinating court-ordered services, and submit reports review hearings.

*No dispositional order or condition of supervision ordered by a court pursuant to RCW 13.32A.196 shall include involuntary commitment of a child for substance abuse or mental health treatment.*