



ANDERSON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

BRIAN J. HUNT, JUDGE

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE FILING A PETITION IN JUVENILE COURT

- 1. You are encouraged to seek legal advice from an attorney before filing a petition.**
- 2. The Clerks and Court Staff CANNOT give you legal advice, so please do not ask.**
- 3. If it is found by the Court that your petition is an improper filing or that you are forum shopping, your petition may be dismissed and court costs taxed to you.**
- 4. There is a fee for filing a petition.**
- 5. If you file a Pauper's Oath requesting that the Court waive your filing fee and it is not approved, the Clerk's will hold the petition for a period of two weeks to allow you time to pay the filing fee before destroying the document.**
- 6. You must include the names and addresses of the parent(s) and/or guardian(s) in the petition so that they are properly notified of the filing.**
- 7. If you do not have a proper address for the parent(s) or guardian(s), you may be required to publish in the newspaper and to pay costs associated with publishing.**
- 8. Your petition will be reviewed by the Court for determination and referred to mediation and/or set for a hearing.**
- 9. You will be notified by mail of the Court's determination of your petition. Please make sure that you list your proper mailing address on the petition.**
- 10. If your case is set for a hearing, you are responsible for notifying your witnesses (if any) and bringing your proof. If you wish to subpoena a witness, you must request the issuance of a subpoena in writing, file it with the Clerk's office and pay the subpoena fee.**
- 11. At the hearing, you will be asked to call your witness or witnesses to the stand and ask them questions (just like you see on TV). Please have your list of questions prepared.**
- 12. Please be prepared, dress appropriately, and be on time for your Court hearing.**