

## **Rule 26. Notice of Hearings to Foster/Kinship Caregivers**

- (A) In accordance with R.C. 2151.424, the Court will provide notice to foster and kinship caregivers of the right to attend hearings and provide information concerning the child or children in their care.
- (B) To facilitate the Court in fulfilling its duty to provide proper notice of hearings to foster and kinship caregivers, the Instructions for Service Child Placement Form shall be completed and filed with the clerk no later than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing.
- (C) Information regarding the identity and contact information for foster or kinship caregivers provided to assist the Court in fulfilling its duty to give notice under this rule is not accessible to the public, including any party to the case except the guardian *ad litem*.
- (D) Failure to submit the Instructions for Service Child Placement Form does not affect the Court's jurisdiction in a case. A case need not be dismissed for this reason alone but the case may be continued.

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