CDSS Attending and Preparing for Court

TOP TAKE AWAYS:

- **Caregivers have the right to attend court and be heard**
  - Key Citations: WIC Section 16010.4(b); U.S.C. Section 675(5)(G)
- **15 days before a hearing:** Caregivers have the right to notice of when and where hearings will take place (even virtually)
- **10 days before a hearing:** Caregivers have the right to a written summary of the social worker's recommendations
- **Caregivers can use the Caregiver Information Form, JV-290, to share information with the Judge**
  - The form is available at https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/jcc-form/JV-290
  - This is an opportunity to share FACTS about how the child in your care
  - Make 8 copies AND keep the original (or submit e-file if available)
  - Yes it's ok to include family photos or letters from providers

KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RESOURCES FROM TODAY:

The Family Urgent Response System: Is Live

- Call or Text: 1-833-939-FURS
- Online: www.CAL-FURS.ORG
- For more information see: www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/foster-care/furs

Think of Us is California's new partner for Kinship Navigation Services

- https://www.thinkof-us.org/careers (hiring, navigator website coming soon)

Advokids

- HOTLINE: 877.ADV4KID (877.238.4543)
- Website: www.advokids.org

California Alliance of Caregivers

- Supports, Advocacy and Community Resources for Caregivers
- www.cacaregivers.org

Judicial Council

- A Primer on Juvenile Dependency Proceedings for California Foster Parents and Relative Caregivers www.courts.ca.gov/documents/caregivers.pdf
- JV-290 Caregiver Information Form www.courts.ca.gov/documents/jv290.pdf
- JV-285 Relative, Family Friend or Tribal Member Information Form www.courts.ca.gov/documents/jv285.pdf

CDSS Foster Caregiver Policy and Support Unit

- Caregivers in California can submit policy or program support questions to kinship.care@dss.ca.gov or call (916) 651-7465

Other Helpful Resources:

The Alliance for Children's Rights
- https://allianceforchildrensrights.org/

CA Community College Chancellor's Office – Foster & Kinship Care Education
- To find live training programs online or near you, email: fkcehelp@cccco.edu

California Foster Youth Education Task Force
- http://cfyetf.org/

California Youth Connection
- https://calyouthconn.org/

California State Foster Parent Association
- www.csfpaonline.org

CDSS All County Letters and Notices
- https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/letters-and-notices

Child Care Bridge
- www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/calworks-child-care/ecc-bridge-program

Child Trafficking Response Unit
- www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/child-welfare-protection/child-trafficking-response

Department of Education Foster Youth Services
- www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/fy/

Foster Care Ombudsperson
- https://fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov/

Foster Parent College.com
- Foster Parent College https://www.fosterparentcollege.com/

Generations United
- https://www.gu.org/

John Burton Advocates for Youth
- https://www.jbaforyouth.org/

The National Center for Youth Law

- https://youthlaw.org/

National Foster Parent Association
- www.nfpaonline.org

Resource Family Approval
- www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/resource-family-approval-program

Step-Up Coalition
- https://stepupforkin.org/about/

The Youth Law Center – Quality Parenting Initiative
- Just-In-Time Trainings - http://www.qpicalifornia.org/videoArchive.html