

KCSC/ Juvenile Court Services & Children's Administration, Region 4 DCFS
SYSTEMS INTEGRATION PROTOCOL 2.0-PROCEDURE 1.0
TASK OUTLINE A
**RESPONDING TO PARENTS WHO ARE OPPOSED TO THE RETURN HOME
OF THEIR CURRENTLY DETAINED CHILD**

After contacting a parent to advise of their child's release/possible release from detention, and learning that the parent does not want the child to come home, the Juvenile Probation Counselor making the contact informs the parent of the following.

1. If there is a pending court hearing:
 - a. the parent should attend the hearing and explain to the court the reason for not wanting the child to come home
 - b. the court can order conditions of release that may assist the parent with maintaining control over the child and that violation of these conditions could result in the juvenile's return to detention.
 - c. pursuant to state law, parents attendance at juvenile offender hearings is mandatory and that the court could find a parent in contempt of court for not attending.
2. While statute provides that a juvenile released from detention may only be released to his/her parents, a responsible adult or the department, the parent can make alternative living arrangements for the juvenile once the juvenile is released to the parent's custody.
3. The local Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) office provides Family Reconciliation Services (FRS) to assist families experiencing parent-child conflicts. FRS is a short-term crisis intervention service. The service is not appropriate for chronic long-term multi-problem situations requiring long term interventions. If the parent or youth is interested in FRS, the parent or youth should contact Children's Administration Intake **(1-800-609-8764)**.
4. The parent has the option of filing an At-Risk Youth petition which could result in the court establishing conditions for the juvenile, that if not followed could result in the juvenile being found in contempt and placed in detention as a consequence. If the parent is interested in filing an At-Risk Youth petition the parent must first obtain a family assessment from FRS. To make an appointment for an assessment, the parent should contact Children's Administration Intake **(1-800-609-8764)**.
5. The parent or youth has the option of filing a Child In Need of Services (CHINS) petition requesting a temporary (up to 9 month) out-of-home placement for the juvenile. If the parent or youth is interested in filing a CHINS petition, the parent or youth must first obtain a family assessment from FRS. To make an appointment for an assessment, the parent should contact Children's Administration Intake **(1-800-609-8764)**.
6. If their child is placed in foster care, the parents will be billed for the cost of the care. The parent's cost is determined using the state's child support schedule.

