

Juvenile Dependency

Who	The minor, parents, legal guardian(s), or attorney(s) of record may view and obtain copies of court minute orders and selected court documents.
...has access to records and files	Juvenile Justice agencies may inspect the juvenile records without filing a petition for access and without obtaining a further court order.
	All other individuals must petition the court for access pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 827.
...has access to court hearings	Only the minor, parents, legal guardian(s), attorneys of record, juvenile justice agencies, and court personnel may attend court proceedings.
	Any others may attend at the discretion of the bench officer presiding over the case.
What	Copies of court minute orders and selected court documents may be viewed and copied by the minor, parents, legal guardian(s), or attorney(s) of record.
...records and information are available	Records in the possession of juvenile justice agencies are also available for inspection by the minor, parents, legal guardian(s), or attorney(s) of record.
...hearings are open to the public	All Juvenile Dependency court hearings are confidential and closed to the public.
	Those not authorized to attend may seek permission to attend court by filing a written request directly with the bench officer presiding over the case.



When

...are records and information available

The Dependency reception counter is located on the third floor of the William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse at 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, California. The hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A coin/card operated copy machine is located on site for public use.

Records are placed into the court files usually within 5 days of filing unless the documents will be utilized at a court hearing. In those instances, the information and records are available within 5 days of the court appearance.

...are cases heard in court.

Juvenile Dependency has calendared matters Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Specific calendaring information is available on the Court's Website at <http://www.saccourt.ca.gov/juvenile/dependency/general.aspx#cal>. Due to the confidentiality of Juvenile cases, court staff cannot provide information regarding specific calendared matters.

Where

...can records or information be viewed

If authorized by statute or ordered by the court, court records are accessible by appearing at the appropriate reception counter at the William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3rd Floor with photo identification. The records will not be mailed and are not available on the Internet.

The hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A coin/card operated copy machine is located on site for public use.

Records in the possession of juvenile justice agencies are located at each juvenile justice agency.

...are court hearings held

Court hearings in Juvenile Dependency are heard in Departments 130, 131, 133, 134 and 135 in the William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse at 3341 Power Inn Rd.



How

....can records and information be obtained

Requests to view records/information for Dependency cases may be made in person at the Juvenile Dependency Court at the William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3rd floor, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The [Petition For Disclosure of Juvenile Court Records Welfare and Institutions pursuant to Code 827 \(JV-570\)](#) is available at the front counter or by visiting our website at www.saccourt.ca.gov/juvenile/records. This completed form may be presented either in person or by mail but must contain an original signature. If the petition is granted, viewing and/or receipt of copies may only occur by appearing in person with proper photo identification. The records will not be mailed.

Juvenile justice agencies may request to inspect such records by delivering the declaration to the custodian of records of the juvenile justice agency possessing such records, either in person or by letter.

Copies of records in the possession of a juvenile justice agency may only be received by an authorized individual appearing in person at the juvenile justice agency that is releasing the records.

....can requests to attend court hearings be done.

Those not authorized to attend Juvenile Dependency hearings may seek permission to attend court by filing a written request directly with the bench officer presiding over the case.

The written form is available on the court's website at <http://www.saccourt.ca.gov/juvenile/docs/attachment-b-request.pdf>. Absent extraordinary circumstances, requests to attend court proceedings must be filed with the reception desk by (a) 10:00 a.m. the day of the hearing for cases that are calendared for the afternoon session; or (b) 4:00 p.m. the business day before the hearing for cases that are calendared for the morning session.

