



KEY COURT HEARINGS

1. **DETENTION HEARING:** If you are detained in Juvenile Hall after arrest, you will get a hearing within 72 hours to decide if you should be sent home.
2. **PRETRIAL HEARING:** At this hearing, you can choose to admit to some of the charges against you. Depending on the seriousness of your case and whether this is your first case in juvenile court, your attorney may ask the court for informal probation. If you get informal probation, you have to follow probation rules for 6 months and then your case can be dismissed.
3. **JURISDICTIONAL (also known as ADJUDICATORY or Trial) HEARING:** If you choose to not plead to charges at the pretrial, you will get a trial where both sides will have an opportunity to present evidence and witnesses. At the end of this hearing, the judge will decide if your petition should be sustained (guilty) or not sustained (innocent).
4. **DISPOSITIONAL HEARING:** If your petition is sustained at the jurisdictional hearing, you will have a dispositional hearing where the judge will decide what sentence to give you.