

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 07-22**

(Confirmation of Notice of Post Disposition Hearings)

WHEREAS, the Safe and Timely Interstate Placement of Foster Children Act of 2006, Pub L. 109-239, §8, 102 Stat.508, 513 (2006) (effective October 1, 2006, “the Act”) requires that in Child Abuse and Neglect cases Courts take appropriate action to ensure the enforcement and protection of the rights of foster and pre-adoptive parents and relative caregivers concerning notice of hearings; and

WHEREAS, in March 2004, the D.C. Superior Court Family Court (“Court”) and the Child and Family Services Agency (“CFSA”) entered into an agreement in which CFSA agreed to provide written notice of post-disposition hearings to foster, pre-adoptive parents and relative caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the Act mandates that the Court implement procedures to ensure that such written notice is provided to foster and pre-adoptive parents and relative caregivers with respect to the child;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby

ORDERED that at every post disposition hearing in neglect and abuse cases the judicial officer shall confirm on the record that CFSA has provided written notice of the hearing to foster and pre-adoptive parents and relative caregivers; and it is further

ORDERED that courtroom clerk shall make an entry on the docket in Courtview noting that written notice was confirmed consistent with this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that any failure by CFSA to provide written notice of any post-disposition hearing to a foster, pre-adoptive parent or relative caregiver will be noted for the record, but shall not result in the court holding the agency or any agent thereof in contempt of court; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order shall take effect as of Monday, October 08, 2007.

SO ORDERED.

BY THE COURT

Date: October 3, 2007

/s/

**Rufus G. King, III
Chief Judge**

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