

Rule 43. Presence of the Respondent

The respondent shall be present at the initial hearing, at the factfinding hearing, and at the entry of a dispositional order, except as otherwise provided by D.C. Code § 16-2316(f). The respondent's voluntary absence after the factfinding hearing has been commenced in the respondent's presence shall not prevent continuing the factfinding hearing to and including the adjudication by the Family Court.