



# Children's Commission.

## For Judges Handling Child Protective Services Cases

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Greetings,

Did you know that email notice is available for hearings in certain CPS cases? The Supreme Court Children's Commission and the Office of Court Administration host a CPS Hearing Notification service that provides hearing notice by email to court participants (attorneys, CPS personnel, CASA, parents, relative caregivers, and adoptive / foster parents) involved in cases heard by Texas Child Protection Specialty Courts. The CPS Specialty Courts cover all the counties listed [here](#). Any person associated with a case in one of these counties, heard by a CPS Specialty Court judge, can receive notification of hearings by email 1, 3, 7, 14, and / or 30 days in advance of any hearing scheduled.

Registration is quick, easy and the service is free. Once a user ID is created, the user can search the CPS Specialty Court's docketing system for their case, and sign up according to the [instructions](#) provided. The search results will display a summary of upcoming hearing dates as well as a summary of all open cases, regardless of whether a hearing has been scheduled or not.

Please consider sharing this information with parties and persons who appear in your court.

[Register Now](#)

Once registered, the User Guide will provide detailed instructions to help the user get set up to receive e-notifications:

<http://texaschildrenscommission.gov/media/903/NotificationsHelp1.pdf>

Link to a map of counties covered by the project:

[http://www.txcourts.gov/media/1376968/childprotectioncourts\\_asofjune142016.pdf](http://www.txcourts.gov/media/1376968/childprotectioncourts_asofjune142016.pdf)

Users may be contacted by the Children’s Commission in the near future to assess the usefulness of the tool. Please report any difficulties setting up a user profile or using the tool by sending an email to [children@txcourts.gov](mailto:children@txcourts.gov)



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