

15.13 Checklist

AJUDICATORY HEARING

CHECKLIST

- Preliminary matters
 - Appearances
 - Notice of hearing
 - Manner and date of service
 - Appointment of counsel
 - Language or cognitive challenges
- Inquiry regarding
 - Absent parents
 - Tribal affiliation
- Advisement of rights, if first court hearing
- Results of pre-adjudicatory meeting
- Stipulations, admissions, consent decrees
 - Advisement
 - Knowing, voluntary waiver of right to trial, if case settled
- Evidence on contested allegations
 - Rules of Evidence apply
 - Burden of proof: clear and convincing
- Findings of fact
 - Abused or neglected child
 - Aggravated circumstances, if alleged
 - Reasonable efforts to prevent removal
- Custody pending dispositional hearing
- Visitation pending dispositional hearing
- Status of predisposition study
- Scheduling of dispositional hearing