

Stages of Juvenile Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings

1. Definitions – G.S. 7B-101
 2. Mandatory reporting – G.S. 7B-301, -309, -310, -311
 3. Assessment by DSS (and sometimes law enforcement) – G.S. 7B-302, -307
 4. Proceeding to address interference with assessment – G.S. 7B-303
 5. Responsible Individual List and expunction – G.S. 7B-320 through -324
 6. DSS responsibilities following assessment – G.S. 7B-300, -302, -307
 7. Temporary custody – G.S. 7B-500, -501
 8. Authorized custody by medical professionals in abuse cases – G.S. 7B-308
 9. Filing of petition and issuance of summons – G.S. 7B-400 through -407
 10. Nonsecure custody orders – G.S. 7B-502 through -505; 7B-508
 11. Appointment of guardian, counsel, guardian ad litem – G.S. 7B-600 through -603
 12. Petition/hearing on evaluation of alleged abuser – G.S. 7B-302
 13. Hearing on need for continued nonsecure custody – G.S. 7B-503, -506, -507
 14. Discovery – G.S. 7B-700; G.S.1A-1 (Rules of Civil Procedure)
 15. Adjudicatory hearing – G.S. 7B-800 through -807; 7B-101(1), (9), and (15)
 16. Dispositional hearing – G.S. 7B-507, -806, -808, -900 through -905
 17. Modification and appeals – G.S. 7B-1000 through -1004
 18. Review hearings – G.S. 7B-507, -906, -1000 [*See also* G.S. 7B-910]
 19. Permanency planning hearings – G.S. 7B-507, -907
 20. Termination of jurisdiction – G.S. 7B-201, -1000
 21. Termination of parental rights – G.S. 7B-1100 through -1112
 22. Post-termination and post-relinquishment reviews – G.S. 7B-908 and -909
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- All hearings – Factors to consider in deciding whether to close a hearing. G.S. 7B-801.
 - All hearings at which the child is removed from the home or the child's placement outside the home is continued – Determination of reasonable efforts. G.S. 7B-507.