

Juvenile Status Conference Policy

Lincoln County

Effective September 1, 2007

If a Status Conference is requested after entering a "denial" at an Initial Appearance in a juvenile case (CHIPS, JIPS, or Delinquency), the Court will assign a Status Conference date according to the list of available dates that the Juvenile Clerk will provide.

All Status Conferences will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoon's in the Clerk of Juvenile Court's Office.

The Court will order that the juvenile and his or her attorney appear at the Status Conference. If the juvenile fails to appear, the Juvenile Clerk will notify the Court the following day and a Capias will be issued for the juvenile.

The juvenile's social worker will also appear at the Status Conference. Prior to the conclusion of the Status Conference, the Juvenile Clerk shall be provided with a signed copy of the *Statement as to Negotiated Plea* which will be provided by the District Attorney and a signed copy of the *Rules of Supervision* which will be provided by the social worker and agreed upon by the social worker, the juvenile, and the juvenile's attorney.

If an agreement is reached at the Status Conference, the Juvenile Clerk will assign a date and time for a Change of Plea and Disposition Hearing before the appropriate judge. A Notice of Hearing will be prepared and provided to the parties prior to their leaving the Clerk of Juvenile Court's office.

In the event that an agreement is not reached by the conclusion of the Status Conference, the case will be referred to the Judicial Assistant who will schedule a Fact-Finding Hearing within or as close to the thirty (30) day time limit as possible.