

FAQs from Parents*

1. Will protective services get involved with my family while I am in jail?

Child Protective Services will investigate reported abuse or neglect. Being in jail is not neglect when you have made arrangements for your child to be cared for, including the use of a "power of attorney" form.

2. Can my children visit me in jail?

Yes, but not without an adult being with them. The adult and the children must all be on your visiting list.

3. Do I need a lawyer to work on the "Power of Attorney"?

No. You may fill it in yourself, but you DO need a witness and a notary. It does not cost anything to have a notary sign it. Notaries can be found at banks, most school Superintendent's offices, and the county judicial building.

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4. What if the person who is going to care for my children does not live in the school district my children attend? Do my children need to change schools?

No. Your children do not need to move schools. They are allowed to remain in the school they were in before they started living with the caregiver. Your child may be considered an unaccompanied youth" which means they are living with someone besides a parent or guardian. Transportation is also available through the Homeless Education Coordinator.

5. Is there anyone my child can talk to if he or she is upset about the situation?

Yes. You can make arrangements with your child's school counselor. There is also a free confidential counseling service available to children in crisis. The counselor comes to the school to be a listening ear.

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