Oregon Juvenile Dependency Court Proceedings

APPEALABLE

NOT APPEALABLE

Day 1 — Day 30 — Day 60 — 14 mos.

Shelter Hearing
ORS 419B.180 to 419B.185

- Must be held within 24 hours of child removal
- "Reasonable efforts" documentation
- Dependency petition filed with allegations against parent

Pre-Trial Conference

- Parties negotiate language of allegations in petition
- Parent admits or denies allegations in dependency petition

Jurisdiction Hearing
ORS 419B.090 to 419B.100

- Trial to establish that grounds exist for DHS and court involvement
- Preponderance of the evidence standard
- Rules of evidence apply

Disposition Hearing
ORS 419B.325 to 419B.337

- Court rules on placement of child, case plan, services, timelines, and consequences of non-compliance
- Date is set for permanency hearing

Review Hearing
ORS 419B.449

- Court reviews child's conditions and circumstances
- Court determines whether to continue jurisdiction and wardship
- Court may order modifications in care, placement, and supervision
- Review hearings continue to be held periodically throughout the life of the case

Permanency Hearing
ORS 419B.470 to 419B.476

- Court evaluates whether DHS made reasonable efforts to reunify the family
- Court authorizes change of permanent plan from reunification to adoption, guardianship, or other substitute care

Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) Hearing
ORS 419B.498 to 419B.530

- Trial to establish that grounds exist for terminating parental rights
- Grounds may include: unfitness, extreme conduct, abandonment, and/or neglect
- Clear and convincing evidence standard
- Rules of evidence apply
- A TPR petition must be filed no later than when the child has been in substitute care for 15 of the last 22 months, unless DHS shows compelling reasons not to do so.

This timeline shows the *maximum* times permitted by state and federal law. Courts may schedule proceedings sooner than the times shown based on the special circumstances of a case. Courts sometimes schedule additional hearings to review parental compliance and progress on the case plan.