

The Family Court of the State of Delaware

In and For ☒ New Castle ☐ Kent ☐ Sussex County

FAMILY COURT FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE NOTICE OF CUSTODY ACTION – DFS

TO: Jason A. Ballard, Respondent

, Respondent

, Respondent

FROM: Clerk of Family Court

POSTED DATE OF NOTICE: 08/31/2026

The Division of Family Services, Petitioner, has brought a civil action (Petition # 26-19389) against you for custody of your child(ren):

☐ Minor Female,	DOB:	☒ Minor Male,	DOB: 04/21/2011
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☐ Minor Female,	DOB:	☐ Minor Male,	DOB:

A hearing has been scheduled at the Family Court, 500 N. King Street, Wilmington, Delaware, on 09/02/2026 at 10:30 AM. If you do not participate in the hearing, the Court may award custody of your child(ren) to the Division of Family Services without your participation.

With any questions about participating in person or for help with participating by phone or virtually, please email FC_CDN_TPR_Adoption@delaware.gov or call 302-255-0300, option 6.

IF YOU WISH TO BE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY IN THIS MATTER BUT CANNOT AFFORD ONE, YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO HAVE THE COURT APPOINT AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU FOR FREE. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON YOUR RIGHT TO AN ATTORNEY, PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK AT FAMILY COURT, (302) 255-0300.