

**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF
CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA**

In the Interest of:	Case Number	File Number
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Minor child(ren).

**ORDER ON MOTION TO CLOSE A HEARING
IN A DEPENDENCY PROCEEDING**

The above-styled matter, having come before the Court on a motion by _____ to close a hearing in a dependency proceeding, and it appearing that the Court has authority to close said hearing to the public pursuant to OCGA § 15-11-700(c); and,

The Court having made a determination in the best interest of the child, considering the following statutory considerations:

- (i) The age of the child;
- (ii) The nature of the allegations;
- (iii) The effect that an open court proceeding will have on the court's ability to reunite and rehabilitate the family unit; and,
- (iv) Whether the closure is necessary to protect the privacy of a child, of a foster parent or other caretaker of a child, or of a victim of domestic violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, orders that the dependency hearing to be held on the _____ day of _____, 20____, as identified in the motion filed in the above-styled matter is hereby:

- Closed to the public
- Open to the public.

SO ORDERED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Judge, Chatham County Juvenile Court
Eastern Judicial Circuit