

Rule 119. Participation Order

In any proceeding in which a child is alleged to be delinquent or in need of supervision, the Court shall enter an order specifically requiring a parent or guardian to participate in the rehabilitation process of a juvenile, including, but not limited to, mandatory attendance at a juvenile proceeding, parenting class, counseling, treatment, or an education program, unless the Court determines that such an order is not in the best interest of the child. In addition, when the Court determines that it is in the best interest of the child, the Court shall issue an order applicable to a parent or guardian of a child and the person with whom the child resides, if other than the child's parent or guardian. The order shall require the parent or guardian and the person with whom the child resides, if other than the parent or guardian, to be present at any juvenile proceeding or court-ordered program concerning the child. If the Court determines that the person ordered to appear received notice of the order and failed to appear without good cause, the Court shall issue a bench warrant pursuant to D.C. Code § 16-2325.01(d), as amended, and it may proceed to adjudicate the person in civil contempt pursuant to D.C. Code § 16-2325.01(c), as amended.