

Right to Counsel in Juvenile Court Delinquency Proceedings

(A) **Right to Counsel.** A child charged with a delinquent act is entitled to the representation of counsel at all stages of proceedings.

(B) **Appointment of Counsel.** Counsel must be appointed prior to the detention hearing or initial hearing, whichever occurs first.

(C) **Waiver.** Any waiver of the right to counsel must be made in open court, on the record and confirmed in writing, and in the presence of the child's attorney.

(D) **Withdrawing Waiver.** Waiver of the right to counsel may be withdrawn at any stage of a proceeding, in which event the court must appoint counsel for the juvenile if otherwise required by statute.