



Juvenile Court Records Access Rules

Juvenile records have unique rules under ORS 419A. 252-258. A chart describing rules regarding access to paper and electronic records and the differences between the Record of the Case (ROC) and the Supplemental Confidential File (SCF) is provided on page 2. Additional access rules are described below. Please consult with your Trial Court Administrator for local rules. Questions about this document can be sent to juvenilecourtprograms@ojd.state.or.us.

- County or Statewide Access:** OJD may grant county or statewide access to the following entities, subject to restrictions: juvenile departments, the Department of Human Services, the Oregon Youth Authority, district attorney offices, the office of the Attorney General, the Oregon Public Defense Commission, prospective appellate attorneys or public defense providers. This access is granted through the Office of the State Court Administrator. (ORS 419A.255(11))
- Research and Evaluation:** The Chief Justice, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, or a presiding judge may grant access to the ROC, SCF, audio, or video recordings to researchers or evaluators for specified purposes. (ORS 419A. 255(15))
- Parent/Child Access:** In dependency cases, the child and parents maintain existing access rights after the case is closed and after the child reaches the age of majority. If parental rights are terminated, parents may access the judgment terminating rights, and the materials up to that point. When access is allowed, the court is not required to redact information about siblings or other people in the ROC or SCF.
- Delinquency Cases:** The following information is not confidential and not exempt from disclosure: the youth's name; DOB; basis for juvenile court jurisdiction; date, time, and place of proceeding; act alleged in petition (that if committed by adult would be a crime under 419C.005 jurisdiction); portion of court order providing for legal disposition (including restitution); names and addresses of youth/youth's parents/guardians; and the court register when jurisdiction is based on ORS 419C.005. If the youth has been taken into custody under ORS 419C.080, additional information may have to be disclosed as provided in ORS 419A.255(7). **The records themselves are not available, but the information within them are.**

Any person or entity may file a motion to request to inspect and/or copy records under ORS 419A.258

Access to Juvenile Records: Audio and Video Recordings (ORS 419A.256)	
Inspect	Copy
• The judge and staff • Child, ward, youth, adjudicated youth • Parent or guardian • Guardian ad litem for the parent • Intervenor • CASA (when reasonably necessary) • Attorneys or prospective appellate attorneys • The surrogate • Service providers in the case • The district attorney or assistant attorney general representing a party in the case • The juvenile department, ODHS, OYA	• The following may obtain a copy of the audio or video recording of a juvenile court proceeding with good cause*, subject to any conditions the court finds appropriate: • The judge and staff • CASA (when reasonably necessary) • The attorneys or prospective appellate attorneys • The district attorney or assistant attorney general representing a party in the case • The juvenile department, ODHS, OYA • In a delinquency case, the following may obtain a copy of a prepared transcript or audio or video recording at no cost: ◦ Child, ward, youth, adjudicated youth, or young person ◦ Parent or guardian ◦ Victim *Before release, the court must first approve.

Access to Juvenile Court Records: Paper and Electronic Records (ORS 419A.255)

	Record of the Case (ROC)	Supplemental Confidential File (SCF)
What is in it?	• The summons and other process • Petitions • Papers in the nature of pleadings, answers, motions, affidavits, and other papers that are filed with the court, including supporting documentation • Local CRB findings and recommendations • Guardianship report summaries • Orders and judgments of the court, including supporting documentation • Transcripts • Exhibits and materials offered as exhibits whether or not received in evidence • Other documents that become part of the record of the case by operation of law	• Reports and other material relating to the child, ward, youth, or adjudicated youth's history and prognosis, including but not limited to: ◦ reports filed under ORS 419B.440, and includes ◦ similar reports and other materials filed in juvenile court proceedings.
Who Can Inspect?	• The judge and staff • The child, ward, youth, or adjudicated youth • The parent or guardian • The guardian ad litem for the parent • Intervenors • CASA (when reasonably necessary) • The attorneys or prospective appellate attorneys for parties • The surrogate • Service providers in the case • The district attorney or assistant attorney general representing a party in the case • The juvenile department • The Department of Human Services • The Oregon Youth Authority	• The judge and staff • The child, ward, youth, or adjudicated youth • The parent, guardian, or parent's guardian ad litem of a child or ward in a dependency case (if delinquency, the youth or adjudicated youth must consent or court must authorize) • Intervenors • CASA (when reasonably necessary) • The surrogate • Service providers in the case • The attorneys or prospective appellate attorneys for parties • The district attorney or assistant attorney general representing a party in the case • The juvenile department • The Department of Human Services • The Oregon Youth Authority
Who Can Copy?	• The judge and staff • A party to the extent permitted under ORS 419B.875 (dependency) or ORS 419C.285 (delinquency) • The guardian ad litem for the parent • The attorneys or prospective appellate attorneys • The surrogate • Service providers in the case • The district attorney or assistant attorney general representing a party in the case • The juvenile department • The Department of Human Services • The Oregon Youth Authority	• The judge and staff • Service providers in the case • School superintendents and their designees in delinquency cases • Attorneys for a party • The district attorney or assistant attorney general representing a party in the case • The juvenile department • The Department of Human Services • The Oregon Youth Authority • CASA (when reasonably necessary)