# What To Do If Your Child Is Arrested

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#### What happens when someone is arrested?

- Initial appearance
- Arraignment
- Preliminary Hearing
- Indictment
- Bond
- Pretrial Supervision
- Pretrial
- Jury trial or Bench trial

## What should we do if my child is released from jail pending trial?

- Substance abuse assessment
- · Pretrial supervision
- Random drug screens
- Meetings and appointments
- Court hearings
- · Support and accountability

### What is the likely outcome of a criminal drug case?

- · All cases are fact-specific and fact-dependent
- · No prior criminal record
- Substantive prior criminal record
- Drug court
- Intervention In Lieu of Conviction

### Special concerns for family members

- · Permitting drug abuse
- · Child endangering
- · Consent to search
- Hiring a private attorney vs. applying for Public Defender

### Questions?

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