

Rule 15.2A Persons at Hearing for Voluntary Relinquishment to Agency.

1. The following persons shall appear at the hearing for voluntary relinquishment of parental rights and duties to an agency pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S. §2501:

- a. the parent(s) seeking to relinquish parental rights, and
- b. a representative of the agency to whom custody is sought to be awarded.

2. At least 10 days' notice of the hearing shall be given to a parent who has not relinquished parental rights and duties and has not joined in the petition for voluntary relinquishment, to the putative father whose parental rights could be terminated pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S. §2503(d) and to the parents or guardian of a petitioner who has not reached 18 years of age. These persons are not required to attend the hearing.

3. The witnesses at the hearing may be sequestered.