

232.84 Transfer of custody — notice to adult relatives.

1. For the purposes of [this section](#), unless the context otherwise requires, “agency” means the department, juvenile court services, or a private agency.

2. Unless the custody of a child is transferred from one of the child’s parents to another parent of the child, within thirty days after the entry of an order under [this chapter](#) removing a child from the custody of a parent or parents of the child, the department shall exercise due diligence in identifying and providing notice to the child’s grandparents, aunts, uncles, adult siblings, parents of the child’s siblings, and adult relatives suggested by the child’s parents, subject to exceptions due to the presence of family or domestic violence.

3. The notice content shall include but is not limited to all of the following:

a. A statement that the child has been or is being removed from the custody of the child’s parent or parents.

b. An explanation of the options the relative has under federal, state, and other law to participate in the care and placement of the child on a temporary or permanent basis. The options addressed shall include but are not limited to assistance and support options, options for participating in legal proceedings, and any options that may be lost by failure to respond to the notice.

c. A description of the requirements for the relative to serve as a foster family home provider or other type of care provider for the child and the additional services, training, and other support available for children receiving such care.

d. Information concerning the option to apply for kinship guardianship assistance payments.

4. The agency may share information as necessary to explore a child’s potential placement with any adult relative who may receive notice pursuant to [subsection 2](#).

5. If an adult relative entitled to notice pursuant to [subsection 2](#) is later discovered by or identified to the department, the department shall provide notice to that relative within thirty days of that relative becoming known to the department.

[2009 Acts, ch 120, §3](#); [2013 Acts, ch 50, §2](#); [2022 Acts, ch 1098, §31, 32](#)