

# Children in the Courtroom

**An Initiative of the Utah Court Improvement Program**



# Tracking Attendance in CARE



Children “shall be present at the shelter hearing....unless it would be detrimental for the child.”

78A-6-306(4)

“A child shall be present at any postadjudication hearing in a case relating to the abuse, neglect, or dependency of the child, unless the court determines.....”

78A-6-305

Detrimental

Impractical

Not sufficiently mature

78A-6-305

78A-6-317(2)

“The child has a right to be present at each hearing, subject to the discretion of the guardian ad litem or the court regarding any possible detriment to the child.”





Anything that is  
measured and watched,  
improves.

–Bob Parsons- Founder, GoDaddy



50%  
is it...



# Reason recorded 2013

33%



37%

# No reason recorded 2013

16.5%



12%



I Never Guess!



I never guess, it is a shocking habit-  
destructive to the logical faculty.

- Sherlock Holmes



**Addressing Barriers:**  
What's holding us back?





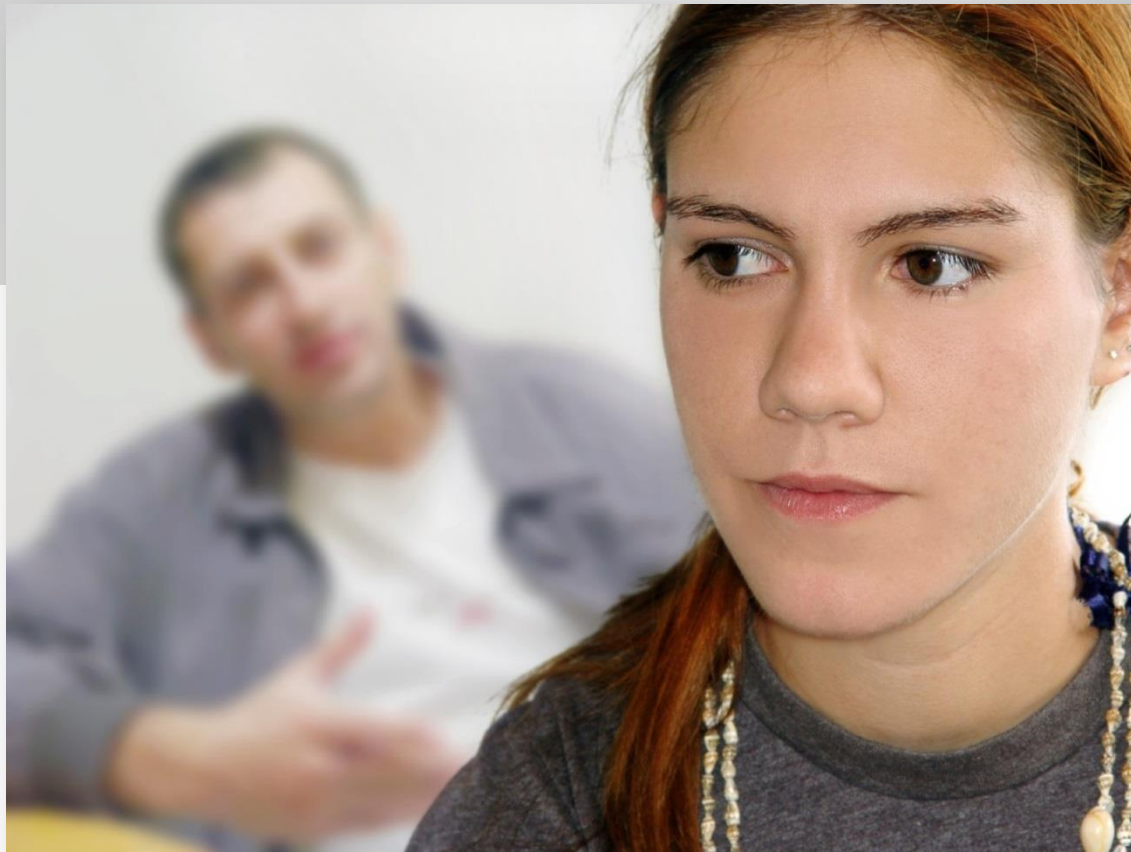
**Is it impractical to attend?**



## **Remote Access to Court Hearings**



**Is it detrimental to attend?**





**Why don't you ask me?**

**“A person’s a person, no matter  
how small.” Dr. Seuss**





Count me...in!