

**10.1 Nature and Purpose.** The arraignment hearing is an optional formal hearing which may be conducted in conjunction with the detention hearing or in a separate hearing. The purpose of the arraignment hearing is to formally advise the child of his or her rights to counsel, to remain silent and to a hearing before the judge; to advise the child of the allegations as they are stated in the petition; and to offer the child an opportunity to enter an admission or a denial to the charges.