

4.2 Screening Process. Before a petition is filed, the intake officer shall screen the complaint. This may result in a decision to recommend dismissal to the judge or associate judge, to make a referral to another agency for services, if appropriate, to informally adjust the case, to file a petition, or to take other appropriate action. Factors involved in the process of screening the complaint shall include:

1. Whether the complaint is one over which the court has jurisdiction;
2. Whether the complaint is frivolous;
3. Whether the child should be detained pending a hearing and, if so, where he or she should be detained;
4. Whether the child's case can be informally adjusted;
5. Whether the child should be diverted to an agency that meets his or her needs; and
6. If a petition should be filed with the court.