

# Participants in the Juvenile Court Process



- **Parties** - Persons concerned with or actively taking part in the proceeding
- **Petitioner** - The Child Welfare agency or other moving party
- **Parents** - and other custodians must be made a part of the court matter. Fathers must be notified
- **Foster parent, pre-adoptive parent or kinship care giver**
- **Child** - The subject of the Juvenile Court proceeding

# Participants in the Juvenile Court Process (continued)



- **Judge** - Presides over the hearings
- **Master** - Hearings may be conducted by a master
- **Attorney for the petitioner** - Often the agency solicitor
- **Attorney(s) for the parents** - Required to protect the interests of the parents
- **Child's legal representation** - As mandated by both the Juvenile Act and CPSL