

JEFFERSON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT, DANDRIDGE, TENNESSEE

PETITION

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

In the matter of:

I.D. No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ a child under 18 years of age SSN \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_
D/L \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Last Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Special Ed. YES / NO

Your petitioner, \_\_\_\_\_, respectfully represents to the Court on information and belief that \_\_\_\_\_, a child now within this County and \_\_\_\_\_ years of age being within the meaning of the law of the State of Tennessee in that said child on or about \_\_\_\_\_, is a dependent child and the petitioner requests custody of said child based on the following circumstances:

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Charge: DEPENDENT NEGLECTED CHILD PURSUANT TO T.C.A. 37-1-102

Petitioner further avers that:

The child's father is \_\_\_\_\_ residing at \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

The child's mother is \_\_\_\_\_ residing at \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

That the child is in the custody and control of \_\_\_\_\_, residing at \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

PREMISES, CONSIDERED, Petitioner prays: That the Court can make inquiry into the matter stated and take such action and make orders as to the Court may seem meet and proper looking to the interest of said child.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner
\_\_\_\_\_ Address
\_\_\_\_\_
(H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority \_\_\_\_\_, the petitioner in the foregoing petition, who makes oath that the statements herein are true to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Petition set for hearing before the Judge of the Juvenile Court for Jefferson County, Tennessee in Dandridge at the Courthouse at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock on \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_\_

Juvenile Court Official

APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY LEGAL CUSTODY

PART I: Identifying Information

	<u>Name and Social Security Number</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>School/Grade</u>
CHILDREN:	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Address</u>
MOTHER:	_____	_____	_____	_____
FATHER:	_____	_____	_____	_____
CUSTODIAN:	_____	_____	_____	_____
PETITIONER:	_____	_____	_____	_____

PART II: Current Circumstances of the Children

[a] Who do the child/children live with at this time? Explain the reason for this arrangement if the child/children are not living with the legal custodian.

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[b] List any special needs identified for the child/children (physical handicaps, developmental delays, emotional or behavioral problems, academic problems, or health problem(s), the services the child/children are currently receiving, the individuals or agencies providing the services, and the source of payment for the services.

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PART III: Circumstances of the Mother

[a] Briefly explain the mother’s employment or source of income:

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[b] Briefly describe the mother’s current housing:

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[c] Identify the current household members living with the mother:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Relationship to Mother</u>	<u>Employment/School</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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[d] List any disability (i.e. physical, mental, drug or alcohol abuse, etc.) of the mother and services the mother is currently receiving or has previously received for the disability.

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[e] Explain in detail any involvement by the mother with the Tennessee Department of Children’s Services or the police. If the child/children have ever been in foster care, explain the reason for the placement, when the placement occurred, the requirements of the foster care plan developed for the mother, and the mother’s compliance with the plan.

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[f] Briefly state the mother’s response to the Petition.

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PART IV: Circumstances of the Father

[a] Briefly explain the father’s employment or source of income:

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[b] Briefly describe the father’s current housing:

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[c] Identify the current household members living with the father:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Relationship to Father</u>	<u>Employment/School</u>
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[d] List any disability (i.e. physical, mental, drug or alcohol abuse, etc.) of the father and services the father is currently receiving or has previously received for the disability.

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[e] Explain in detail any involvement by the father with the Tennessee Department of Children’s Services or the police. If the child/children have ever been in foster care, explain the reason for the placement, when the placement occurred, the requirements of the foster care plan developed for the father, and the father’s compliance with the plan.

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[f] Briefly state the father’s response to the Petition.

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PART V: Circumstances of the Legal Custodian

[a] Briefly explain the legal custodian’s employment or source of income:

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[b] Briefly describe the legal custodian’s current housing:

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[c] Identify the current household members living with the legal custodian:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Relationship to Mother</u>	<u>Employment/School</u>
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[d] List any disability (i.e. physical, mental, drug or alcohol abuse, etc.) of the legal custodian and services the legal custodian is currently receiving or has previously received for the disability.

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[e] Explain in detail any involvement by the legal custodian with the Tennessee Department of Children’s Services or the police. If the child/children have ever been in foster care, explain the reason for the placement, when the placement occurred, the requirements of the foster care plan developed for the legal custodian, and the legal custodian’s compliance with the plan.

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[f] Briefly state the legal custodian’s response to the Petition.

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PART VI: Circumstances of the Petitioner

[a] Briefly state the reason why the Petitioner is seeking temporary legal custody:

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[b] Identify the Petitioner’s relationship to the child(ren) [i.e. maternal grandmother, paternal uncle, non-relative, etc.]:

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[c] Briefly explain the contact the Petitioner has had with the child(ren):

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[d] Briefly explain the Petitioner’s employment or source of income, including a statement of estimated income, estimated expenses, ability to provide for the child(ren) financially, and services for which the Petitioner would qualify, if awarded temporary legal custody.

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[e] Will medical insurance or Medicaid be available for the child(ren) if temporary legal custody is awarded to the Petitioner? Please explain and list the name(s) of the healthcare provider(s) and/or the child(ren)’s Medicaid number(s).

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[f] Briefly describe the Petitioner’s current housing:

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[g] Identify the current household members living with the Petitioner:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Relationship to Mother</u>	<u>Employment/School</u>
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[h] List any disability (i.e. physical, mental, drug or alcohol abuse, etc.) of the Petitioner and services the Petitioner is currently receiving or has previously received for the disability.

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[i] Has the Petitioner, or anyone in the Petitioner’s household, had any involvement with the Department of Children’s Services or the police? If so, please explain in detail.

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[j] Is the Petitioner willing to participate in or arrange for any special services recommended for the child(ren) (i.e. counseling services, etc.)? [circle response] YES NO

[k] What visitation will the child(ren) have with the legal custodian, the mother or the father, if temporary legal custody is awarded to the Petitioner? If no visitation is recommended by the Petitioner, please explain why visitation should not occur.

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[l] Please list three (3) character references who have personal knowledge of the Petitioner and who would express an opinion about the Petitioner’s ability to care for the child(ren).

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_

The information contained herein is subject to verification by the Tennessee Department of Children's Services and/or a Guardian ad Litem appointed by the Court to represent the child(ren).



**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

In the matter of:

\_\_\_\_\_   
 a child(ren) under 18 years of age

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby affirm that the information contained in the foregoing Application for Temporary Custody is true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_   
 First Petitioner/Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_   
 Second Petitioner/Applicant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_\_.   
 *Day Month Year*

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 Juvenile Court Clerk or Notary Public