

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN THE MATTER OF:  
NAME - DOB AGE  
*A Child Under 18 Years of Age*

Case No.

**VERIFIED PETITION FOR DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT**

Comes your Petitioner, \_\_\_\_\_, and respectfully states as follows:

**I. JURISDICTION/VENUE**

This Court has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to T.C.A. § 37-1-103. Venue is appropriate pursuant to T.C.A. § 37-1-111, in that the child resides in this County at \_\_\_\_\_ and resides with \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. PARTIES**

\_\_\_\_\_ who resides at \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ who resides at \_\_\_\_\_,

Mother is \_\_\_\_\_ who resides at \_\_\_\_\_,

Father is \_\_\_\_\_ who resides at \_\_\_\_\_,

- ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ is currently serving in the armed forces.
- ( ) The parents are not currently serving in the armed forces.
- ( ) The parent is not currently serving in the armed forces.
- ( ) It is not known whether the parents are currently serving in the armed forces.
- ( ) It is not known whether the parent, \_\_\_\_\_, is currently serving in the armed forces.

( ) The child or child's parent is not a member or eligible for membership in a recognized Indian tribe under the federal Indian Child Welfare Act, compiled in 25 U.S.C. § 1901.

( ) The child or child's parent is a member or eligible for membership in a recognized Indian tribe under the federal Indian Child Welfare Act, compiled in 25 U.S.C. § 1901.

( ) It is not known whether the child or child's parent is a member or eligible for membership in a recognized Indian tribe under the federal Indian Child Welfare Act, compiled in 25 U.S.C. § 1901.

**III. DEPENDENT AND NEGLECT**

It is upon Petitioner's information and belief that the above-named child is a dependent and neglected child within the meaning of T.C.A. § 37-1-102(b)(12) in that:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**IV. CUSTODY**

The Petitioner further states that the child who is subject to this petition is in danger of irreparable harm and that this Petition is filed in the best interests of the child and public and that the Petitioner(s) is/are the fit and proper person(s) to be granted custody of the child.

## V. OTHER PROCEEDINGS

- I am not aware of any other court proceeding involving the child that may effect this proceeding.  
 There is/are a court proceeding(s) involving the child that may effect this proceeding as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_

- The petitioner(s) has/have never participated as a party or witness or in any other capacity in any other proceeding concerning the custody of or visitation with the child.  
 The petitioner(s) has/have participated as a party or witness or in another capacity, in the following proceeding(s), concerning the custody of or visitation with the child. \_\_\_\_\_

## VI. CHILD'S PRIOR ADDRESSES

- During the past five (5) years, it is believed that the child has at all times resided with the parent(s)/guardian(s)/custodian(s), \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.  
 During the past five (5) years, the child has lived at the following address(es) and with the following person(s): \_\_\_\_\_.  
 It is not known where the child has resided during the past five (5) years.

## VII. OTHERS CLAIMING LEGAL RIGHTS

- Petitioner knows of no person that is not a party to this proceeding who claims to have legal or physical custody or visitation rights with respect to the child.  
 The following person(s), not a party to this proceeding, have or claim to have, legal or physical custody or visitation rights with respect to the child, \_\_\_\_\_.

## VIII. BEST INTEREST

It is in the best interest of the child and public that this petition be brought.

### PETITIONER PRAYS,

1. That the Respondent(s) be served with a copy of this Petition, and that the child be served with a copy of this petition if the child is fourteen (14) years of age or older.
  2. That a guardian ad litem be appointed for the child.
  3. That the Court consider the need to appoint counsel for the parents who may be indigent or as may be otherwise required by law.
  4. That at a final hearing of this matter, the Court find the child to be dependent and neglected within the meaning of the law.
  5.  That the Petitioner(s) be granted temporary custody of the child.
- That the Petitioner(s) be granted ex parte relief pending a Final Hearing in this matter, and the Court enter an ex parte order.

6. That child support be set if appropriate.
7. That the Court grant any other general relief as is necessary.

COMES NOW \_\_\_\_\_ being first duly sworn, under oath, and states that the facts set out in the petition above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 6th day of  
January, 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner  
Petitioner Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Juvenile Court Clerk or Officer

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**SUMMONS**

TO: \_\_\_\_\_

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**TO ANY LAWFUL OFFICER:**

You are hereby commanded to summon the above addressee to appear before the \_\_\_\_\_ County Juvenile Court, located at \_\_\_\_\_ for **Hearing on 2/19/2020 at 8:30 AM in \_\_\_\_\_'s Courtroom** to answer the charge of the foregoing petition, and this you shall in no wise omit, under the penalties prescribed by law.

This 6th day of January, 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge or Officer of the Juvenile Court

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**OFFICER'S RETURN**

**RETURN:** This summons came to hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and executed by:

Delivering the within summons to the above addressee

Unable to serve because \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



ADA  
for assistance call  
615-451-6023

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**EX PARTE PROTECTIVE CUSTODY ORDER**

This matter came on to be heard on the , before the Honorable Michael Meise.

Those present were \_\_\_\_\_.

Based upon the facts stated in the verified petition filed in this cause, the Court finds:

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this action, and venue is appropriate in this County.
2. There is probable cause to believe that the above-named child is dependent and neglected pursuant to T.C.A. § 37-1-102(b).
3. The child is subject to an immediate threat to the child's health or safety to the extent that delay for a hearing would be likely to result in severe or irreparable harm.
4. There is no less drastic alternative to removal available that would reasonably and adequately protect the child's health and safety pending a hearing.
5. It is contrary to the child's welfare to remain in the home for the reasons set out in the petition.
6. is/are qualified to receive and care for the child and fit and capable to assume custody of the child.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:**

1. That \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby brought into the protective jurisdiction of this Court.
2. That the temporary legal custody of the above-named child is hereby awarded to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. That \_\_\_\_\_ shall provide for the physical, mental, moral and emotional well-being of the child and is granted authority to consent to any ordinary or necessary medical, surgical, hospital, educational, institutional, psychiatric, or psychological care pending further order of this Court.
4. That the preliminary hearing in this cause is set for \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ County Juvenile Court.

( ) That the Department of Children's Services is ordered to conduct an investigation into the issues and concerns of this petition pursuant to T.C.A. § 37-1-128.

( ) It is ordered that \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby appointed as guardian ad litem for the child.

( ) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are ordered to have no contact with the child.

( ) \_\_\_\_\_ shall have supervised contact with the child.

ENTERED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
The Honorable (name)  
Juvenile Court Judge/Magistrate  
(T.C.A. § 16-1-115)

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and exact copy of the order has been delivered by U.S. mail, by personal service, by email or facsimile if service is so accepted, to the individuals listed below this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_:

\_\_\_\_\_

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**PRELIMINARY HEARING ORDER**

This matter came on to be heard on \_\_\_\_\_, before the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, upon a Petition filed on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

Those present were \_\_\_\_\_.

The Court, having considered the testimony and evidence presented and the entire record, finds and orders as follows:

( ) There is probable cause to believe that the above-named child is dependent and neglected in that \_\_\_\_\_.

( ) The child is subject to an immediate threat to the child's health or safety to the extent that delay for a hearing would be likely to result in severe or irreparable harm.

There is no less drastic alternative to removal available that would reasonably and adequately protect the child's health and safety.

It is contrary to the child's welfare to remain in the home for the reasons set out in the petition.

\_\_\_\_\_ is/are qualified to receive and care for the child and fit and capable to assume custody of the child.

( ) The child is not subject to an immediate threat to the child's health or safety and there is no threat of severe or irreparable harm, therefore giving the court no reason for removing the child from the home at this time. Nor is the child an absconder risk or at risk of being removed from the court's jurisdiction.

The Court finds that continuation of the child in the home is in the best interest of the child at this time as long as the following reasonable efforts are being made, which include:

\_\_\_\_\_.

( ) There is not probable cause to believe that the above-named child is dependent and neglected.

It appears to the Court that the following is in the best interest of the child and the public.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:**

( ) That the child, \_\_\_\_\_, is hereby brought into the protective jurisdiction of this Court.

That the temporary legal custody of the above-named child is hereby awarded to \_\_\_\_\_.

That \_\_\_\_\_ shall provide for the physical, mental, moral and emotional well-being of the child and is granted authority to consent to any ordinary or necessary medical, surgical, hospital, educational, institutional, psychiatric, or psychological care pending further order of this Court.

( ) That the \_\_\_\_\_ hearing in this cause is set for \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_ County Juvenile Court.

( ) That the Department of Children's Services is ordered to conduct an investigation into the issues and concerns of this petition pursuant to T.C.A. § 37-1-128.

( ) It is ordered that \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby appointed as guardian ad litem for the child.

( ) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are ordered to have no contact with the child.

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**MOTION TO INTERVENE**

Comes your Movant, \_\_\_\_\_, and submits to this Court a Motion to Intervene this case and in support states as follows:

1. On (date) the Petitioner, Department of Children Services, filed a Dependent & Neglect Petition in this case.
2. Your movant is requesting to intervene because the Movant is requesting custody of said child.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 11th day of March, 2020

\_\_\_\_\_  
Movant

**NOTICE**

Please take notice that this motion is scheduled in the \_\_\_\_\_ County Juvenile Court located at \_\_\_\_\_, for (date of hearing).

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and exact copy of this Motion was forwarded by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the following persons on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Movant

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**PETITION FOR INTERVENTION**

Comes your Intervening Petitioner(s), \_\_\_\_\_, and respectfully state as follows:

1. The Intervening Petitioner(s) are: \_\_\_\_\_ who reside at: \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The relationship of the Intervening Petitioner(s) to the child is: \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Other parties to this action are: \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The children are currently in the custody of: \_\_\_\_\_.
5. There is a pending action regarding the custody of the above-named minor child in this case.
6. The Intervening Petitioner(s) seek to join as parties in the custody action and state that the child who is subject to this petition is in danger of irreparable harm and that this Petition is filed in the best interests of the child and public and that the Petitioner(s) is/are the fit and proper person(s) to be granted custody of the child.

WHEREFORE, your Intervening Petitioner(s) request the Court to permit them to intervene/join as parties in this matter.

- ( ) That the Intervening Petitioner(s) be granted temporary custody of the child.
- ( ) That the Intervening Petitioner(s) be granted ex parte relief pending a Final Hearing in this matter, and the Court enter an ex parte order.
- ( ) That child support be set if appropriate.

That the Court grant any other general relief as is necessary.

COMES NOW \_\_\_\_\_ being first duly sworn, under oath, and states that the facts set out in the petition above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner  
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Sworn and subscribed before me this 6th day of  
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**ORDER ALLOWING SUBSTITUTION OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM**

This matter came on to be heard on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, before the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_ on a request of the guardian ad litem, \_\_\_\_\_, to be allowed to withdraw as the guardian ad litem of record in this matter for good cause shown and to appoint substitute guardian ad litem in this matter.

The Court **FINDS AND ORDERS** that \_\_\_\_\_ is allowed to withdraw as guardian ad litem of record and is hereby relieved from any further responsibilities in this matter.

The Court further **ORDERS** that \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby appointed as the guardian ad litem for \_\_\_\_\_.

**DISCOVERY**

It is further ordered that, for the purpose of preparing for the adjudication of matters pending before the Court, the **guardian ad litem** shall have access to all documents and records pertaining to the child(ren), including, but not limited to, all records of the Department of Children’s Services and any other medical, health care, educational and/or psychological/psychiatric records. The attorney is further authorized to interview any individuals having contact with or providing services to the child(ren). All records and all information obtained by the attorney (including records related to the child(ren) or adults involved in this case) shall be maintained as confidential, for use only in the proceedings for which the guardian ad litem is hereby appointed. At the conclusion of these proceedings, any protected health information (as defined by C.F.R. 106.103) acquired by the attorney shall be returned to the Department of Children’s Services or to the health care provider or shall be destroyed. Work products of the office of the District Attorney, counsel for the Tennessee Department of Children’s Services or the police department and the identity of persons making reports/complaints to the Tennessee Department of Children’s Services are excluded from this order for discovery.

ENTERED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
The Honorable (name)  
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**ORDER FOR HOME STUDY**

The Court finds that a home study would be of assistance to the Court in the above-styled matter wherein

a sworn Petition for Emergency Care and Custody of the above-named child, \_\_\_\_\_, was filed in \_\_\_\_\_ County Juvenile Court on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, pursuant to T.C.A. § 37-1-128 and Rule 33, Tennessee Rules of Juvenile Procedure, the Tennessee Department of Children Services at \_\_\_\_\_ County, Tennessee, or its designated agent, shall complete a home study on the circumstances and conditions of the \_\_\_\_\_ who resides at \_\_\_\_\_ as potential custodian of said child.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the party shall cooperate with the Tennessee Department of Children Services of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Tennessee, in the preparation of said study.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a thorough, written report setting out the findings of said study and recommendations regarding placement of said child with the \_\_\_\_\_ who resides at \_\_\_\_\_, shall be filed with this Court by the Tennessee Department of Children Services of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Tennessee, thirty (30) days from the date so ordered.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this cause is set for a status review before this Honorable Court, at its regular place of setting in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Tennessee, on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM, at which time the Court will hear and determine the matters involved in the petition.

ENTERED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
The Honorable (name)  
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