

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE _____ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR _____ COUNTY, FLORIDA

_____,
Petitioner,

Case No. _____

and

_____,
Mother,

_____,
Father.

_____/

PETITION FOR TEMPORARY CUSTODY BY EXTENDED FAMILY

1. Pursuant to Ch. 751, Fla. Stat., Petitioner requests temporary custody of the following minor child(ren):

Name	Birth Date	Current Address
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

2. Petitioner is an extended family member who is related to the child(ren) within the third degree by blood or marriage. Petitioner's relationship to the child(ren) is _____.

3. Petitioner is qualified to seek custody because:

[one only]

Petitioner has the signed, notarized consent from **both** of the child(ren)'s legal parents;

Petitioner is caring full time for the child(ren) in the role of substitute parent.

If petitioner does not have the signed consent from both parents and is not caring for the child(ren) full time as a substitute parent, petitioner cannot obtain temporary custody under ch. 751. Petitioner should consult an attorney about other options.

4. The legal mother of the child(ren) is _____, whose current address is:
_____.

5. The legal father of the child(ren) is _____, whose current address is:
_____.

6. Petitioner completed a **Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act Affidavit**, Florida Family Law Form 12.901(f), that was filed with this petition. The affidavit includes the names

and current addresses of the persons with whom the child has lived during the past 5 years and the places the child has lived during the last five years. **If the affidavit is not completely filled out, signed under oath, and filed with the petition, the case may be dismissed without hearing.**

7. Petitioner completed a **Notice of Related Cases**, providing information on all open and closed cases involving custody, child support, or orders for protection on behalf of either parent, petitioner, or the child(ren), including the case numbers and the court entering the order. **If the Notice of Related cases is not filled out and filed with the petition, the case may be dismissed without hearing.**

8. Petitioner resides at _____ and has a mailing address of _____.

9. The consent(s) of [**all** that apply] _____ Father **and/or** _____ Mother is/are attached, or the specific acts or omissions of the parents which demonstrate that the parents have abandoned, abused, or neglected the child(en) as defined in chapter 39 are: (attach additional sheets if necessary) _____

_____.

10. It is in the child(ren)'s best interest for Petitioner to have custody, so Petitioner requests temporary custody of the child(ren) for *{state length of time}* _____. The reasons that support this request are: _____

_____.

11. I [**one** only] _____ do, _____ do not request the Court to order the parents to pay child support.

Dated _____

Signature of Petitioner
Printed name _____
Address _____

City State Zip

Telephone *{area code and number}*

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me on { date} _____, 20__ by
{ name} _____.

NOTARY PUBLIC -- STATE OF FLORIDA

[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary]

[**one** only]

_____ Personally known

_____ Produced identification

Type of identification produced _____

**IF A NON-LAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM THEY MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS
BELOW:** [fill in **all** blanks]

I, {name of non-lawyer} _____, a non-lawyer, located at {street}
_____ {city} _____ {state} _____, {phone}
_____, helped {name} _____, who is the petitioner, fill out this form.