

NON-PARENT: COMPLAINT/MOTION FOR CUSTODY

(case filed by **Child Protective Services**)

These forms are used for a non-parent to ask the Court to grant you custody when a case has been filed in Court or is currently pending in the Court for this child.

These forms should be filed in the **Juvenile Court** under the same case number as the ongoing

Child Protective Services case	Complaint for Custody	Tells the Court that you want the Court to give you custody of the minor children
	Statement of Understanding for Legal Custody	Read and sign this if you are asking the Court to be the legal custodian of the child.
	Motion and Affidavit* for Temporary Orders	Tells the Court you want to have an Order for custody in place while the court case is pending.
Uniform Dom. Relations Affidavit #3*	Parenting Proceeding Affidavit	Tells the Court where the children have lived for the last five years and the names of the adults responsible for their care during this five-year period. (or since birth if under age 5).
Uniform Dom. Relations 31/Juv. Form 10	Request for Service	Tells the Court where to send copies to the other party. *Certified Mail is the normal method of service.
OH Sup. Ct. Civil Form 20*	Civil Fee Waiver Affidavit and Order	Tells the Court you cannot afford to pay the filing fee

***Affidavits must be signed in front of a Notary who will administer an Oath**

INSTRUCTIONS:

- All forms must either be typed or printed in ink. You must fill out the forms completely before taking them to the court. The court staff will not help you complete the forms.
- If you did not complete the poverty affidavit, there is a filing fee
- After completing the forms, you must make copies before you file the forms. You will need one copy for each other party and one copy for yourself. The original documents will be filed with the Court.
- Once you file the forms, the Clerk will send you notice of any court dates. Attend all these court dates.
- **NOTE:** If you move, call the Clerk with your new address.

IN THE _____ COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT
_____ DIVISION
COUNTY, OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF:

A Minor

(name)

(address)

Petitioner

(Parent 1)

(Parent 2)

Defendant

Case No. _____

JUDGE _____

MAGISTRATE _____

**COMPLAINT/MOTION FOR CUSTODY
(NON-PARENT)**

Now Comes Petitioner and states as follows:

1. The Petitioner is a _____ of the following children:

Name of Child

Date of Birth

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

2. _____ (name of Parent 1) and
_____ (name of Parent 2) are the parents of the children.

3. The children have resided in _____ County, Ohio since _____

(date).

4. A parent-child relationship (paternity) has been established for the following children:

Name of Child	Date of Birth
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

5. A parent-child relationship (paternity) has not been established for the following children:

Name of Child	Date of Birth
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

6. No Court has issued an order of parenting or support for the children.

7. I am asking the Court to grant me custody of the children named above for the following

reasons: _____

_____.

8. Plaintiff requests that the Court: (check all that apply)

- ☐ Designate the residential parent and legal custodian of the children.
- ☐ Order reasonable parenting time (companionship and visitation).
- ☐ Order child support, allocate the income tax dependency exemption, and determine who should provide health insurance coverage for the children.

☐ Other: (specify) _____

Respectfully submitted,

(Your Signature)

Print Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone

E-mail

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS _____ COUNTY, OHIO
JUVENILE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE NO. _____

Name of Juvenile

JUDGE _____

Magistrate _____

STATEMENT of UNDERSTANDING for LEGAL CUSTODY

Pursuant to R.C. 2151.353(A)(3), a person who is proposed as or intends to obtain legal custody of a child may only be awarded custody if he/she has signed a statement of understanding containing the following provisions.

1. It is my intent to become the legal custodian of _____.
2. I am able to assume legal responsibility for his/her care and supervision.
3. I understand that legal custody of the child is intended to be permanent in nature.
4. I understand that I will be responsible as the custodian for the child until the child reaches the age of majority.
5. I understand that my responsibility will continue beyond the age of majority as long as the child is still in school.
6. **I understand that the parents of the child have residual parental rights, privileges, and responsibilities, including, but not limited to, the privilege of reasonable visitation, consent to adoption, the privilege to determine the child's religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support.**
7. I understand that I must be present in Court for the dispositional hearing in order to affirm my intention to become legal custodian, to affirm that I understand the effect of custodianship before the Court, and to answer any questions that the Court or any parties to the case may have.

Proposed Legal Custodian

Date

Attorney for Proposed Legal Custodian

Date

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

DIVISION

COUNTY, OHIO

Plaintiff

vs.

Defendant

Case No.

Judge

Magistrate

WARNING: This form is not a substitute for the benefit of the advice of legal counsel. It is highly recommended that you consult an attorney.

Instructions: Check local court rules to determine when this form must be filed. This form is used to request temporary orders in your divorce or legal separation case. After a party serves a Motion and Affidavit, the other party has 14 days to file a Counter Affidavit and serve it on the party who filed the Motion. The Court may require additional forms to accompany this document. You must check the requirements of the county in which you file. **If more space is needed, add additional pages.**

**MOTION AND AFFIDAVIT OR COUNTER AFFIDAVIT
FOR TEMPORARY ORDERS WITHOUT ORAL HEARING**

Check one box below to show whether you are filing a (A) Motion and Affidavit or (B) Counter Affidavit.

☐ **(A) Motion and Affidavit**

_____ (name), the Movant, files this Motion and Affidavit under Civ.R. 75(N) and/or under R.C. 3109.043 to request the temporary orders checked here.

Check only those that apply.

_____ Residential parenting rights (custody)
_____ Parenting time (companionship or visitation)
_____ Child support
_____ Spousal support (if married)
_____ Payment of debts and/or expenses

THE OTHER PARTY HAS FOURTEEN (14) DAYS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH THIS MOTION IS SERVED TO FILE A COUNTER AFFIDAVIT AND SERVE IT UPON THE PARTY WHO FILED THE MOTION. (*See below*)

☐ **(B) Counter Affidavit**

Movant files this Counter Affidavit in response to a Motion and Affidavit.

**Complete the following information, whether filing Motion and Affidavit or Counter Affidavit.
(Check all that apply)**

1. ☐ The parties are living separately.
Date of separation is _____.
- ☐ The parties are living together.
- ☐ The parties have no minor children. (*Skip to number 6*)
- ☐ The parties have (a) minor child(ren) who was/were born from or adopted during this relationship.
(*List child(ren) here*)

Name	Date of birth	Living with
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

- ☐ In addition to the above child(ren),
Movant has _____ other biological or adopted minor child(ren).
Other party has _____ other biological or adopted minor child(ren).
There is/are _____ adult(s) in Movant's household.

2. Movant's child(ren) attend(s) school in:
- ☐ _____ public school district
- ☐ Other: (*Explain*) _____
- ☐ All children do not attend school in the same district. (*Explain*) _____
- _____
- _____

3. ☐ Movant requests to be named the temporary residential parent and/or legal custodian of the child(ren): (*Specify child(ren) if request is not for all child(ren)*)
- _____
- _____
- ☐ Movant does not object to the other parent or party being named the temporary residential parent and/or legal custodian of the child(ren): (*Specify child(ren) if request is not for all child(ren)*)
- _____
- _____

4. ☐ Movant has reached an agreement regarding parenting time (companionship or visitation) with the other parent or party as follows:
- _____
- _____
- _____

- ☐ Movant wishes to exercise the following parenting time (companionship or visitation):

- ☐ Movant wishes for the other parent or party to exercise the following parenting time (companionship or visitation):

- ☐ Movant requests that the other parent or party's parenting time (companionship or visitation) be supervised: *(Explain the reason for request.)*

Name of an appropriate supervisor _____

5. ☐ A Court or agency has made a child support order concerning the child(ren).

Name of Court/Agency _____

Date of Order _____

SETS No. _____

6. Movant requests the Court to order the other parent or party to pay:

- ☐ \$ _____ child support per month
☐ \$ _____ spousal support per month (only if married)
☐ \$ _____ attorney fees, expert fees, Court costs
☐ The following debts and/or expenses:

- ☐ Other: _____

7. ☐ Movant is willing to attend mediation.
☐ Movant is not willing to attend mediation.

Supreme Court Reg No. (if any)

I, (print name) _____, swear or affirm that I have read this Affidavit and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the facts and information stated in this Affidavit are true, accurate, and complete. I understand that if I do not tell the truth, I may be subject to penalties for perjury.

STATE OF _____)
) SS
COUNTY OF _____)

Sworn to or affirmed before me by _____ this _____ day of _____,

NOTICE OF HEARING

(Check with local Court to obtain a hearing date and time and for scheduling procedure)

You are hereby given notice that this Motion for Temporary Orders will come before the Court for consideration on Affidavits only, without oral testimony, before Judge/Magistrate _____, at _____ a.m./p.m. on _____, 20_____.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

(Check the boxes that apply)

I delivered a copy of the: ☐ Motion and Affidavit or ☐ Counter Affidavit

On: (Date) _____, 20 _____

To: (Print name of other party's attorney or, if there is no attorney, print name of the party)

At: (Print address or fax number) _____

- By:
- ☐ As instructed in the Request for Service (Uniform Domestic Relations Form 31/Uniform Juvenile Form 10) filed with the Clerk of Courts
 - ☐ Regular U.S. Mail
 - ☐ Fax
 - ☐ Hand Delivery
 - ☐ Other: _____

Signature

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

DIVISION

COUNTY, OHIO

Plaintiff/Petitioner 1

vs./and

Case No. _____

Judge _____

Magistrate _____

Defendant/Petitioner 2/Respondent

Instructions: Check local court rules to determine when this form must be filed. By law, this affidavit must be filed and served with any Complaint, Petition or Motion regarding the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities, parenting time, custody, or visitation. Each party has a continuing duty while this case is pending to inform the Court of any parenting proceeding concerning the child(ren) in any other court in this or any other state. **If more space is needed, add additional pages.**

PARENTING PROCEEDING AFFIDAVIT (R.C. 3127.23(A))

Affidavit of _____

(Print Name)

ONLY CHECK THE FOLLOWING BOX IF YOU BELIEVE THAT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, OR LIBERTY OF YOURSELF OR YOUR CHILD(REN) WOULD BE JEOPARDIZED BY THE DISCLOSURE OF YOUR ADDRESS OR IDENTIFYING INFORMATION. YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE COURT MAY CONDUCT A HEARING REGARDING THE BASIS FOR YOUR REQUEST.

☐ Pursuant to R.C. 3127.23(D), I allege that my health, safety, or liberty or that of my child(ren) would be jeopardized by the disclosure of identifying information to my spouse or the public. Therefore, I request that my address be placed under seal. I have marked the corresponding box next to each address I am requesting to be sealed.

1. (Number): _____ Minor child(ren) is/are subject to this case as follows:

Insert the information requested below for all minor or dependent children of the parties. You must list the residences for all places where the children have lived for the last **FIVE** years.

a. Child's name _____		Place of birth _____	Date of birth _____	Sex ☐ M ☐ F
Date of residence	Address Confidential	Person child lived with (name and address)		Relationship
_____ to present	☐	_____ _____ _____		_____
_____ to _____	☐	_____ _____ _____		_____

to _____	☐	_____	_____
to _____	☐	_____	_____

b. Child's name _____	Place of birth _____	Date of birth _____	Sex ☐ M ☐ F
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☐ Check this box if the information below is the same as in Section 1(a). Skip to the next question.

Date of residence	Address Confidential	Person child lived with (name and address)	Relationship
_____ to present	☐	_____	_____
to _____	☐	_____	_____
to _____	☐	_____	_____
to _____	☐	_____	_____

c. Child's name _____	Place of birth _____	Date of birth _____	Sex ☐ M ☐ F
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☐ Check this box if the information below is the same as in Section 1(a). Skip to the next question.

Date of residence	Address Confidential	Person child lived with (name and address)	Relationship
_____ to present	☐	_____	_____
to _____	☐	_____	_____
to _____	☐	_____	_____
to _____	☐	_____	_____

d. Additional children are listed on Attachment 1(d). (Provide requested information for additional children on an attachment labeled 1(d).)

2. **Participation in custody case(s): (Check only one box)**

- ☐ I **HAVE NOT** participated as a party, witness, or in any capacity in any other case, in this or any other state, concerning the custody of or visitation (parenting time), with any child subject to this case.
- ☐ I **HAVE** participated as a party, witness, or in any capacity in any other case, in this or any other state, concerning the custody of or visitation (parenting time), with any child subject to this case.

Explain: _____

- a. Name of each child: _____
- b. Type of case: _____
- c. Court and State: _____
- d. Date and court order or judgment (if any): _____

3. **Information about custody case(s): (Check only one box)**

- ☐ I **HAVE NO INFORMATION** of any cases that could affect the current case, including any cases relating to custody; domestic violence or protection orders; dependency, neglect, or abuse allegations; or adoptions concerning any child subject to this case.
- ☐ I **HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION** concerning cases that could affect the current case, including any cases relating to custody; domestic violence or protection orders; dependency, neglect, or abuse allegations; or adoptions concerning a child subject to this case, other than listed in Paragraph 2.

Explain: _____

- a. Name of each child: _____
- b. Type of case: _____
- c. Court and State: _____
- d. Date and court order or judgment (if any): _____

4. **Information about criminal convictions:**

List all of the criminal convictions, including guilty pleas, for you and the members of your household for the following offenses: any criminal offense involving acts that resulted in a child being abused or neglected; any domestic violence offense that is a violation of R.C. 2919.25; any sexually oriented offense as defined in R.C. 2950.01; and any offense involving a victim who was a family or household member at the time of the offense and caused physical harm to the victim during the commission of the offense.

NAME	CASE NUMBER	COURT/COUNTY/STATE	CHARGE

5. **Persons not a party to this case: (Check only one box)**

- ☐ I **DO NOT KNOW OF ANY PERSON** not a party to this case who has physical custody **or** claims to have custody or visitation rights with respect to any child subject to this case.
- ☐ I **KNOW THAT THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON(S)** not a party to this case has/have physical custody or claim(s) to have custody or visitation rights with respect to any child subject to this case.

- a. Name/Address of Person: _____
☐ has physical custody ☐ claims custody rights ☐ claims visitation rights
 Name of each child: _____
- b. Name/Address of Person: _____
☐ has physical custody ☐ claims custody rights ☐ claims visitation rights
 Name of each child: _____
- c. Name/Address of Person: _____
☐ has physical custody ☐ claims custody rights ☐ claims visitation rights
 Name of each child: _____

6. I understand that I have a continuing duty to advise this Court of any custody, visitation, parenting time, divorce, dissolution of marriage, separation, neglect, abuse, dependency, guardianship, parentage, termination of parental rights, or protection order from domestic violence case concerning the children about whom information is obtained during this case.

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

(Do not sign until Notary Public is present)

I, (print name) _____, swear or affirm that I have read this Affidavit and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the facts and information stated in this Affidavit are true, accurate, and complete. I understand that if I do not tell the truth, I may be subject to penalties for perjury.

 Your Signature

STATE OF _____)
) SS
 COUNTY OF _____)

Sworn to or affirmed before me by _____ this _____ day of _____, _____.

 Signature of Notary Public

 Printed Name of Notary Public

Commission Expiration Date: _____

(Affix seal here)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

DIVISION

COUNTY, OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF:

A Minor

Name

Street Address

City, State and Zip Code

Case No. _____

Judge _____

Magistrate _____

Plaintiff/Petitioner 1

vs./and

Name

Street Address

City, State and Zip Code

Defendant/Petitioner 2/Respondent

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REQUEST FOR SERVICE

TO THE CLERK OF COURT:

Please serve the following documents: (*check all that apply*)

☐ Complaint for Divorce with Children

- ☐ Complaint for Divorce without Children
- ☐ Complaint for Parentage, Allocation of Parental Rights and Responsibilities
- ☐ Petition for Dissolution
- ☐ Motion and Affidavit or Counter Affidavit for Temporary Orders
- ☐ Motion for Change of Parental Rights and Responsibilities (Custody)
- ☐ Motion for Change of Parenting Time (Companionship and Visitation)
- ☐ Motion for Change of Child Support, Medical Support, Tax Exemption, or Other Child-Related Expenses
- ☐ Motion for Contempt and Affidavit
- ☐ Separation Agreement
- ☐ Parenting Plan
- ☐ Shared Parenting Plan
- ☐ Affidavit of Income and Expenses
- ☐ Affidavit of Property
- ☐ Parenting Proceeding Affidavit
- ☐ Health Insurance Affidavit
- ☐ Explanation of Health Care Bills
- ☐ Agreed Judgment Entry
- ☐ Other: (*specify*) _____

Please serve the following parties with the above marked documents:

- ☐ Defendant/Petitioner 2/Respondent at _____ (address) by:
☐ Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
☐ Issuance to Sheriff of _____ County, Ohio for ☐ Personal or ☐ Residence service
☐ Other: (*specify*) _____

- ☐ Plaintiff/Petitioner 1 at _____ (address) by:
☐ Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
☐ Issuance to Sheriff of _____ County, Ohio for ☐ Personal or ☐ Residence service
☐ Other: (*specify*) _____

- ☐ _____ County Child Support Enforcement Agency at _____ (address) by:
☐ Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
☐ Issuance to Sheriff of _____ County, Ohio for ☐ Personal or ☐ Residence service
☐ Other: (*specify*) _____

☐ Other _____ at _____ (address) by:
☐ Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
☐ Issuance to Sheriff of _____ County, Ohio for ☐ Personal or ☐ Residence service
☐ Other: (*specify*) _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO SHERIFF:

Attorney or Self Represented Party Signature

Printed Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone Number

Fax Number

E-mail

Supreme Court Reg No. (if any)

FORM 20. CIVIL FEE WAIVER AFFIDAVIT AND ORDER

IN _____

	)	CASE NO.
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	JUDGE
	)	
vs.	)	
	)	<u>FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE / FEE-</u>
	)	<u>WAIVER AFFIDAVIT</u>
Defendant.	)	<u>AND ORDER</u>

Pursuant to R.C. 2323.311, the below-named Applicant requests that the Court determine that the Applicant is an indigent litigant and be granted a waiver of the prepayment of costs or fees in the above captioned matter. The Applicant submits the following information in support of said request.

Personal Information			
Applicant's First Name		Applicant's Last Name	
Applicant's Date of Birth		Last 4 Digits of Applicant's SSN	
Applicant's Address			
Other Persons Living in Your Household			
First Name	Last Name	Is this person a child under 18?	Relationship (Spouse or Child)
		☐ Yes ☐ No	
		☐ Yes ☐ No	
		☐ Yes ☐ No	
Public Benefits			
I receive the following public benefits and my gross income, including the cash benefits marked below, does not exceed 187.5% of the federal poverty guidelines.			
Place an "X" next to any benefits you receive.			
Ohio Works First ¹ : ____ SSI ² : ____ Medicaid ³ : ____ Veterans Pension Benefit ⁴ : ____ SNAP / Food Stamps ⁵ : ____			
Monthly Income			
I am NOT able to access my spouse's income ☐			
	Applicant	Spouse (If Living in Household)	Total Monthly Income

Gross Monthly Employment Income, including Self-Employment Income (Before Taxes)	\$	\$	\$
Unemployment, Worker's Compensation, Spousal Support (If Receiving)	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME			\$
Liquid Assets			
Type of Asset	Estimated Value		
Cash on Hand	\$		
Available Cash in Checking, Savings, Money Market Accounts	\$		
Stocks, Bonds, CDs	\$		
Other Liquid Assets	\$		
Total Liquid Assets	\$		
Monthly Expenses			
Column A		Column B	
Type of Expense	Amount	Type of Expense	Amount
Rent / Mortgage / Property Tax / Insurance	\$	Insurance (Medical, Dental, Auto, etc.)	\$
Food / Paper Products/Cleaning Products/Toiletries	\$	Child or Spousal Support that You Pay	\$
Utilities (Heat, Gas, Electric, Water / Sewer, Trash)	\$	Medical / Dental Expenses or Associated Costs of Caring for a Sick or Disabled Family Member	\$
Transportation / Gas	\$	Credit Card, Other Loans	\$
Phone	\$	Taxes Withheld or Owed	\$
Child Care	\$	Other (e.g. garnishments)	\$
Total Column A Expenses	\$	Total Column B Expenses	\$
TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES (Column A + Column B)			

I, _____, hereby certify that the information I have provided on
 (Print Name)
 this financial disclosure form is true to the best of my knowledge and that I am unable to prepay the costs or fees in this case.

 Signature

NOTARY PUBLIC:

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this _____ day of _____, 20____,
 in _____ County, Ohio.

 Notary Public (Signature)

 Notary Public (Printed)
 My Commission expires: _____

If available, an individual duly authorized to administer this oath at the Clerk of Court's Office will do so at no cost to the Applicant.

ORDER

- ☐ Upon the request of the Applicant and the Court's review, the Court finds that the Applicant IS an indigent litigant and **GRANTS** a waiver of the prepayment of costs or fees in this matter. Pursuant to R.C. 2323.311(B)(3), upon the filing of a civil action or proceeding and the affidavit of indigency under division (B)(1) of this section, the clerk of the court shall accept the action, motion, or proceeding for filing.
- ☐ Upon the request of the Applicant and the Court's review, the Court finds that the Applicant is NOT an indigent litigant and **DENIES** a waiver of the prepayment of costs or fees in this matter. Applicant is granted thirty (30) days from the issuance of this Order to make the required advance deposit or security. Failure to do so within the time allotted may result in dismissal of the applicant's filing.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Judge / Magistrate

Date

[Effective: April 15, 2020; amended effective April 15, 2022; July 1, 2023.]