

STATE OF INDIANA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF ELKHART )

IN THE ELKHART SUPERIOR COURT 6

CASE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

IN RE THE CUSTODY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Person(s) Filing

Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_

And

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Person Responding

Mother  Father  Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Person Responding

Mother  Father  Other \_\_\_\_\_

### PETITION FOR CUSTODY OF A CHILD

Comes now \_\_\_\_\_, self-represented, and hereby files a Petition for Custody of a Child and states as follows:

1. Custody of the minor child(ren) is being sought pursuant to IC 31-17-2-3(a)(2).

Name	Age	DOB

2. The person(s) filing this Petition is:

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

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

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

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

3. The child currently lives with me:  Yes  No

*If yes, for how long?* \_\_\_\_\_

4. I know the child as follows: *(relative, friend, etc., explain details below)*

5. I have known the child for \_\_\_\_\_ *(years, months, etc.)*

6. Please indicate the following:

Mother's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's address: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Any other person who has care or control of the child and their information:

7. Explain why the child's mother, father, or other caregiver are no longer able to care for the child:

8. If the child is in your care, explain how that occurred:

9. The child's mother agrees that I should have custody of the child:  Yes  No  Unsure

The child's father agrees that I should have custody of the child:  Yes  No  Unsure

The child's other caregiver agrees that I should have custody of the child:  Yes  No  Unsure

10. Does the child own any property, real or personal, other than personal effects?  Yes  No  Unsure

*If yes, please explain:* \_\_\_\_\_

11. I have sent a copy of this Petition to the child's Mother, Father, and/or other caregiver:  Yes  No

WHEREFORE, I request that the Court set this matter for hearing, and upon hearing, grant the custody order as is appropriate, and order all further relief that is just and proper in the premises.

**I affirm under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing representations and statements are true.**

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I sent a copy of this Petition to \_\_\_\_\_, via:

- Registered mail at this address: \_\_\_\_\_
- Certified mail at this address: \_\_\_\_\_
- Sheriff for \$28.00
- E-Service per Trial Rule 86 at this email address: \_\_\_\_\_
- Hand delivery at this address: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
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