

STATE OF INDIANA)
)
COUNTY OF ELKHART)

IN THE ELKHART SUPERIOR COURT 6

CASE NO: _____

IN RE THE GRANDPARENT VISITATION OF:

Name of Person(s) Filing

(Child(ren)'s Name(s))

Choose One: Maternal Grandparent Paternal Grandparent

And

Name of Person Responding

Choose One: Mother Father Other: _____

Name of Person Responding

Choose One: Mother Father Other: _____

ORDER ESTABLISHING GRANDPARENT VISITATION

The Court having reviewed the Petition for Grandparent Visitation and having held a hearing in this matter, now finds the following:

1. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to I.C. 31-17-5.
2. The Petitioner(s) is/are the maternal / paternal grandparent(s) of the minor child(ren).
3. The Respondent(s) are the parents of the minor child(ren).
4. The minor child(ren) are:

Name	Age	DOB

5. The grounds for the Petition are:
 - The minor child(ren)'s Mother / Father is/are deceased.
 - The marriage of the minor child(ren)'s parents has been dissolved in Indiana.
 - The child(ren) was/were born out of wedlock, and:
 - The person filing is a paternal grandparent and the father has established paternity.
- OR-**
- The person filing is a maternal grandparent.

6. The Court, having considered the evidence, testimony, and any interviews finds that granting grandparent visitation is in the best interests of the Minor Child(ren). The Court considered the following factors:
 - a. The nature, quality, and history of the relationship between the grandparent(s) and the Minor Child(ren);
 - b. Whether the grandparent(s) have had or tried to have meaningful contact with the Minor Child(ren);
 - c. The wishes of the Minor Child(ren);
 - d. The stability of the Minor Child(ren)'s current environment, home, school, and community;
 - e. Any risk that visitation would disrupt or interfere with the Minor Child(ren)'s normal routine or cause conflict;
 - f. The fitness of the parent(s) and the weight given to their preferences, with a presumption in favor of a fit parent's decision;

7. That grandparent visitation with the minor child(ren) shall be as follows:

8. The Parties may request a modification of this Order. The Party seeking modification must show clear and convincing evidence of a change in circumstances justifying the modification.
9. This Order for visitation remains subject to further Orders from this Court.
10. If any party violates this Order without good cause, that party may be held in contempt of court or subject to sanctions.
11. If a final adoption is entered for the Minor Child(ren), this visitation Order may terminate or be subject to the statutory limits.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that:

The visitation outlined above is GRANTED. The Parties shall comply with this Order. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce and modify this Order subject to the standards above.

SO ORDERED _____

Judicial Officer
Elkhart Superior Court 6

Distribution:

Filing Party _____

Responding Party _____

Address:

Address:

Responding Party _____

Address: