

LYCOMING COUNTY INTERVENTION IN A CUSTODY CASE SELF-HELP KIT

REMEMBER

The law often changes. Each case is different. This self-help kit is meant to give you general information and not give you specific legal advice.

INTERVENTION IN A CUSTODY CASE

Usually, a custody case involves just the two parents of the child(ren). A parent can always file for custody of his/her child. But sometimes a person who is *not* a parent may want to have some type of custody. The right to ask for custody, if you are *not* a parent, is called having "standing."

This kit will help you file for custody if there is *already* a custody order for the child(ren) and you want to ask for some type of custody for the child(ren). This is a two-step process.

1. First, you must file a Petition to Intervene and Modify. By doing this, you ask a judge for permission to participate in the custody case. The judge will determine whether you have "standing."

There are very strict rules about who, besides the parents, can be included in a custody case, and it depends on what type of custody you are asking for. Read the sheet in this packet called, "Rules for Standing" to learn these rules. If you do not fit into one of the categories for standing, your petition will likely be dismissed.

2. Second, if you are granted standing, you will then have to go through the regular custody process to obtain some type of custody.

This packet can only be used if there is already a custody order for the child(ren). If there is not yet a custody order for the child(ren), you will need to file a Complaint for Custody. You should also get the packet called, "Standing: Who Can File for Custody?" All kits are available at the Law Library in the basement of the Courthouse, online at www.lyco.org under the "Courts/Law Library/forms" tab; or from North Penn Legal Services, Penn Tower, 25 West Third St., Suite 400, Williamsport, PA 17701.



CUSTODY TERMS

LEGAL CUSTODY

- Means the right to make major decisions affecting the best interest of a minor child, including, but not limited to, medical, religious, and educational decisions.

SHARED LEGAL CUSTODY

Means the right of more than one individual to legal custody of the child.

SOLE LEGAL CUSTODY

Means the right of one individual to exclusive legal custody of the child.

PHYSICAL CUSTODY - Means the actual physical possession and control of a child.

PRIMARY PHYSICAL CUSTODY

Means the right to assume physical custody of the child for a majority of the time.

PARTIAL PHYSICAL CUSTODY

Means the right to take possession of a child away from the custodial parent for a certain period of time.

SHARED PHYSICAL CUSTODY

Means the right of more than one individual to assume physical custody of the child, each having significant periods of physical custodial time with the child.

SOLE PHYSICAL CUSTODY

Means the right of one individual to exclusive physical custody of the child.

SUPERVISED PHYSICAL - CUSTODY

Means custodial time during which an agency or an adult designated by the Court, or agreed upon by the parties, monitors the interaction between the child and the individual with those rights.

PERSON ACTING AS A PARENT

A person other than a parent, including an institution, who has physical custody of a child and who has either been awarded custody by a court or claims a right to custody.

RELOCATION - Means a change in residence of the child which

significantly impairs the ability of a non-relocating party

to exercise custodial rights.

Rules for Standing

If you are not a parent of the child(ren), you can only file for custody if A, B, C, or D applies to you.

(More than one of these letters can apply.)

A. Anyone can file for any type of custody if he/she is in loco parentis to the child(ren).

In loco parentis means the child(ren) lives or lived with you and you have acted as the child(ren)'s parent for a substantial period of time.

B. Anyone can file for any type of custody if all four of these things are true:

1. Neither parent has any form of care and control of the child(ren).

AND

2. You are have assumed responsibility for the child(ren), or you are willing to assume responsibility for the child(ren).

AND

3. You have a sustained, substantial and sincere interest in the welfare of the child(ren).

AND

4. There is no current dependency proceeding or order of permanent legal custody for the child(ren). [Through Children and Youth.]

C. If you are a *Grandparent* and you want:

Legal custody (decision-making power)

and/or

Substantial physical custody (Child(ren) live with you primarily or you have the child(ren) at least half the time.)

Then you will need to show all three of these things are true:

1. Your relationship with the child(ren) began with the consent of a parent of the child(ren) or under a court order.

AND

2. You are willing to assume responsibility for the child(ren).

AND

- 3. One of the following three things is true:
 - (a) The child(ren) have been determined to be dependent under 42 PA.C.S.Ch. 63 (Children and Youth).

OR

(b) The child(ren) are substantially at risk due to parental abuse, neglect, drug or alcohol abuse or incapacity.

OR

(c) The child(ren) lived with you for at least 12 months in a row, except for brief absences of the child(ren) from your home **AND** the parents took the child(ren) from your home less than six months ago.

D. If you are a Grandparent or Great-Grandparent and you want:

Partial Physical Custody (Child(ren) live primarily with parent but spend time with you.) and/or

Supervised Physical Custody: (Your time with the child(ren) is monitored by someone.)

Then you will need to show *one* of these three things is true:

1. A parent of the child is deceased and you are the parent or grandparent of the deceased parent.

OR

2. *All three* of these things are true:

Your relationship with the child(ren) began with the consent of a parent or a court order.

AND

The parents of the child(ren) have started a proceeding for custody.

AND

The parents do not agree as to whether the grandparents or great-grandparents should have partial physical custody or supervised visitation.

OR

3. *Both* of these things are true:

The child(ren) lived with you for at least 12 months in a row, except for brief absences of the child(ren) from your home.

AND

The parents took the child(ren) from your home less than six months ago.

THE INTERVENTION PROCESS

There are six steps in the intervention process. This packet provides the forms you need and guides you through these steps.

Step One: Read the instructions in this packet and fill out the forms

Step Two: File the forms and copies at the Prothonotary's Office.

Step Three: Wait for the copies to be mailed to you with a date for the hearing.

Step Four: Serve the other parties with notice of the hearing.

Step Five: Attend the hearing and make your case. If the Judge lets you

intervene, you will be scheduled for a custody conference.

Step Six: Participate in the custody conference and if you do not reach an

agreement, go further in the court system.

INTERVENTION IN A CUSTODY CASE

PART ONE: INSTRUCTIONS

1. FIRST FORM – MOTION COVER SHEET

Complete the caption (heading) by using THE SAME CAPTION AS IN THE CURRENT CUSTODY ORDER. The same person who is listed as the Plaintiff in the custody case must be the Plaintiff in this action. The same person listed as Defendant in the custody case must be the Defendant in this action. You should also use the same case number that appears on the Custody Order

If you do not have a copy of the current custody order, you will need to get at copy at the Prothonotary's Office. You will be charged \$.50 per page.

Write your name on line 1, and "Petition to Intervene and Modify" on line 3. In box 4, put a check in front of "Evidentiary Hearing." In box 6, write your name and address. Leave the rest of the form blank.

2. <u>SECOND FORM – ORDER AND NOTICE</u>

Complete the caption as on the existing Custody Order. Write the other parties' names on the line after the word "You." Circle the word "Modify" and circle the type(s) of custody in the existing order. Print the child or children's INITIALS on the second blank after the heading. Do not write the children's names, because that information is confidential and not available to the public. Do not do anything further on this sheet.

3. THIRD FORM – ENTRY OF APPEARANCE AS SELF-REPRESENTED PARTY

Complete the caption as on your custody order. Fill out the blanks in the form, and write the information requested. Skip paragraph 4 if you never had an attorney.

4. FOURTH FORM – PETITION TO INTERVENE AND MODIFY

Complete the caption as on the custody case. The following numbers below match the numbers on the Petition.

- 1. Write your name, your relationship to the child, and your address.
- 2. Write the name of the Plaintiff, the Plaintiff's relationship to the children, and the address of the Plaintiff.
- 3. Write the name of the Defendant, the Defendant's relationship to the children, and the address of the Defendant.
- 4. Write the initials and ages of the children addressed in the custody order. Do not write their names or birthdates, because that is confidential information not available to the public.
- 5. Check the box to show you are attaching a copy of the Custody Order. If you do not have a copy, you will need to get one at the Prothonotary's Office. You will be charged \$.50 per page.
- 6. Write the reason the Custody Order should be changed.
- 7. Write what you want the new Custody Order to say.
- 8. Check at least one of the boxes labeled A, B, C, or D that applies to you. If more than one applies, check the other boxes as well. At least one of the boxes labeled A, B. C, or D must be checked in order for you to have standing. Look back at pages four and five if you need to.

5. FIFTH FORM - COMPLETED CRIMINAL/ABUSE HISTORY VERIFICATION

Complete the caption as on previous forms. Write your name on the first line of the first paragraph. Check any boxes that are appropriate and fill out the required information. Sign, print, and date the final page.

6 AND 7. <u>SIXTH AND SEVENTH FORMS – TWO BLANK CRIMINAL/ABUSE HISTORY</u> VERIFICATIONS

Complete the captions as on previous forms. Leave the rest of the forms blank. These are for each of the other parties to fill out and file after you serve it on them.

8. EIGHTH DOCUMENT - A COPY OF THE CURRENT CUSTODY ORDER

You MUST include a copy of the current custody order for the child(ren). You may get a copy at the Prothonotary's Office if you do not have one. You will be charged \$.50 per page.

9. NINTH FORM – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FORM

This form is three pages long. This is the ONLY PLACE you list the names and birthdates of the children. This form will not be seen by the public.

Fill out the caption like you have done in the other documents. On the line that says "Court," write "Lycoming County." On the third line, write "Petition to Intervene and Modify," where it asks for the title of the pleading, and write the date you are filing the petition.

For the rest of the first page, you only need to fill out the first column. You do not need to write anything for "full name of adult." Just list each child's initials, name, and date of birth separately, with the dotted line dividing each child's information. If there are more than two children, use the additional page.

After you have listed each child, sign the form that states, "I certify that this filing complies . . ." Write the date and print the additional information requested under your signature. This means that you promise you have not put the children's names or birthdates on the forms available to the public.

10. AND 11. TENTH AND ELEVENTH FORMS – FORMS TO WAIVE THE FILING FEE

In order to file this petition, there is a fee that must be paid to the Prothonotary. This fee changes from time to time. As of January 1, 2018, it is \$25.75.

If you don't think you can pay the filing fee, you may ask the Court to waive the cost. You will need to fill out and file two forms, in addition to the documents above. If you can afford to pay the filing fee, you will have to do so. The Court waives this cost only in cases where income is extremely low.

TENTH FORM – ORDER TO PROCEED WITHOUT PAYMENT OF FEES AND COSTS

Fill in the caption as on the other documents. There is nothing more for you to fill out on this document. If the Court grants the Petition, your contempt action can proceed. If not, you will be notified and you will have to pay the costs in order to continue.

ELEVENTH FORM – PETITION TO PROCEED WITHOUT PAYMENT OF FEES AND COSTS

Fill out the caption as on the other documents. The rest of the form is quite clear. You are asked to fill in facts about your personal finances. Be sure to include income from all sources, including government benefits like Public Assistance, unemployment compensation, and food stamps. Don't forget money your spouse receives, if you are married; from your parents if they help you; from friends or other family members; or from an Order for child support. Finally, identify all persons

who depend on your income for support, including children who live with you. Do not list the children's names—only their initials and ages.

Sections 4 and 5 of this Petition are important. Be sure that you read these paragraphs. They require you to inform the Court of any improvement in your financial situation which might permit you to pay some or all of the costs at a later date. When you date and sign the Petition after paragraph 5, you are promising that the information you have filled in is true. There will be consequences if you make false statements.

COPIES

After you have completed forms one through nine, clip them together in order, with the Motion Cover Sheet on the front. You will then need to get copies made. You need a copy for yourself, and one copy for each of the other parties. The original will stay at court, in the Prothonotary's office. Remember, you need a copy of the current custody order to attach. If you do not have a copy, you can get one from the Prothonotary's Office. You will be charged \$.50 per page.

If you are filing a request to proceed without paying costs, you will need to make one copy of those documents, too (forms ten and eleven).

You are now ready to file all of the papers with the Prothonotary.



HOW TO FILE THE PETITION TO INTERVENE AND MODIFY

Take all of your completed forms (including the copies) to the Prothonotary's Office on the first floor of the Lycoming County Courthouse at 48 West Third Street, Williamsport, on any weekday (Monday through Friday) between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Separate the papers into the three groups shown below, and put them in the order shown below. You MUST have the groups of documents listed under First Group and Second Group. If you are asking the Court to waive the filing fee, you should also have the documents listed under Third Group.

1. FIRST GROUP: (1) Motion Cover Sheet, (2) Order and Notice, (3) Entry of Appearance as Self-Represented Party, (4) Petition to Intervene and Modify, (5) A Copy of Your Custody Order, (6) Completed Criminal/Abuse History Verification, and (7) Two Blank Criminal/Abuse History Verifications for the other parties

You will need an original and at least three copies of all these forms.

2. SECOND GROUP: Confidential Information Form (2 pages if there are less than three children, 3 pages if there are three children or more).

You will need an original and at least three copies of all these forms.

3. THIRD GROUP: If you are asking to have the filing fee waived, you will need: (1) Order to Proceed Without Payment of Fees and Costs, and (2) Petition to Proceed without Payment of Fees and Costs.

You will need an original and one copy of each of these documents.



The Prothonotary will file stamp all the documents and will keep all the forms, including the copies. The case will be given a date for a hearing in front of a Judge, and then the copies will be mailed back to you.

The original documents that you filled out become part of the permanent court record and remain in the Prothonotary's Office. Of the copies that are mailed back to you, keep one copy of each document for yourself.

You must then promptly serve one copy of the First Group (see above) and one copy of the Second Group (see above) of documents on the other parties. Go to the next set of instructions to find out how to serve the other parties.

HOW TO SERVE THE OTHER PARTIES

It is not enough to simply talk to the other parties about the hearing. You must give the other parties legal notice that you have filed to intervene and modify the Custody Order. This kind of notice is called "service."

Service of the papers is **YOUR** responsibility. IT IS IMPORTANT TO SERVE THE OTHER PARTIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. If you do not serve the other parties in time for them to have reasonable notice and an opportunity to prepare for the hearing, the Court may reschedule the hearing for a later date.

If you have the funds to do so, you can pay the Sheriff, Constable, or process server to serve the papers for you and to file an <u>Affidavit of Service</u> for you. Otherwise, you will need to serve by one of the following two methods. You will then need to fill out an Affidavit of Service, and file the Affidavit of Service at the Prothonotary's Office.

CERTIFIED MAIL AND REGULAR MAIL:

To serve by this method, you must send all of the documents stated above by **certified mail, with return receipt requested and restricted delivery AND regular mail** to the other parties' address. "Restricted delivery" means that the return receipt must be signed by the other party only.

When you go to the post office, someone at the window can give you the forms to send the certified mail. The cost MUST be paid at that time. When you send the certified mail, you will be given a "sender's receipt" (a little white receipt). Keep this receipt to include with your proof of service. Also send the other party a copy of the papers by regular mail.

You should mail the documents to the other parties as soon as possible after you receive them in the mail from the Prothonotary's Office. The other parties should receive them at least ten (10) days before the hearing date.

Once the other parties have signed the green receipt, indicating that they received the documents, service is complete. You will have proof that service is complete when you receive the green receipt with the other party's signature on it. When you receive that green receipt, you must save it. It is to be included with your original receipt and attached to the <u>Affidavit of Service</u>.

If the certified mail is REFUSED by the other party, you will get a notice from the Post Office saying it was refused. If the regular mail is not returned within fifteen (15) days, service may be considered complete. If mail is returned UNCLAIMED, service will need to be made another way.

PERSONAL SERVICE:

You can have a person who is 18 years of age or older, who is not a party to the action or an employee or relative of a party to the action, serve the papers. Therefore, if you are the person filing the petition, you should not serve the papers yourself, and you should not have anyone who is related to you or who works for you, serve the papers.

The person who serves the legal papers on the opposing party must do it in the manner required by law. The person can serve the papers:

- (a) by handing a copy to the other parties; or
- (b) by handing a copy to an adult member of the family with whom the other parties reside; or
- (c) by handing a copy of the papers to an adult person in charge of the residence at the time (example: babysitter, etc.); or
- (d) by going to the opposing parties' usual place of business and handing a copy to the opposing parties' agent (one that acts for or representative of) or to the person in charge.

10 and 11: AFFIDAVITS OF SERVICE: Choose ONE of the two Affidavit of Service forms that follow these instructions. There is one for service by certified mail and regular mail, and one for personal service. You have to fill out and file one of these forms with the Prothonotary after you serve the other party, unless you pay a Sheriff or Constable to do it for you. If you are serving more than one person, you have to complete and file a separate Affidavit for each one.

The <u>Affidavit of Service</u> should be completed and filed with the Prothonotary as soon as service is completed. Make a copy for yourself, and bring it to the hearing.

TENTH FORM – AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL AND REGULAR MAIL

REGULAR MAIL
Fill in the caption.
Fill in the blanks.
Staple your sender's receipt (the white receipt) and the green card you got back in the mail t
the Affidavit.
Sign and date at the bottom and make one copy of everything.
File at the Prothonotary's Office before the conference and keep a time-stamped copy for
your records.

ELEVENTH FORM – AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY PERSONAL SERVICE:

This form is completed by someone else who serves the papers for you, and then you file it with the Prothonotary before the conference.

Fill in the caption.
Fill in the blank spaces.
Check the paragraph that best describes how the papers were served.
Have the person who served the papers sign, date, and write his/her address and telephone
number at the bottom.
Make one copy and file at the Prothonotary's Office before the conference. Keep a time-
stamped copy for your records.

PETITION TO INTERVENE AND MODIFY A CUSTODY ORDER

PART TWO: FORMS

LYCOMING COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS MOTION COVER SHEET

	: Docket No:
Plaintiff	:
	: Case Assigned to Judge
VS.	: □ None
	: Family Court Hearing Officer
,	:
Defendant	:
. Name of Filing Party:	
Filing Party's Attorney:	
Type of Filing:	
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4. The following is/are requested:	6. Name and addresses of all counsel of record and
Argument	unrepresented parties:
Evidentiary Hearing	
Court Conference	
Rule to Show Cause	
Entry of Uncontested Order	
(attach supporting documentation)	
Expedited Consideration. State the basis:	
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Video conferencing requested. Request form	
has been submitted. See Lyc. Co. R.G.C.B. L8.	
Attach this cover sheet to original motion	
previously filed on:	
5. Time Required:	Continued on a Separate Sheet.
	<u>ORDER</u>
An argument factual hearing cou	urt conference is scheduled for
An argument ractual nearing cot	int conference is scheduled for
at o'clock M., in courtroom No	, Lycoming County Courthouse, Williamsport, PA.
Briefs are to be filed by the following dates:	
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Filing Party	
Responding party (ies)	·
A rule is issued upon Respondent to show car	use why the Petitioner is not entitled to the relief requested.
A response to the Motion/Petition shall be file	ed as follows:
A response to the Motion/Petition shall be file	ed as follows
See order attached See separate order	issued this date.
5Other:	·
Judg	pe Date

ALL PARTIES OR OTHERS TO BE SERVED WITH NOTICE MUST BE DESIGNATED IN "6" ABOVE.

NOTICE: The parties are directed to confer for the purpose of resolving any issue raised in the motion/petition. If a resolution is reached prior to the scheduled date, the moving party shall immediately notify the court scheduling technician, the judge or hearing officer assigned to hear the matter, and all counsel of record or parties if unrepresented. Such notice may be in writing or by email.

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, Plaintiff	: IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
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vs.	: CIVIL ACTION - LAW
	: CUSTODY
Defendant,	: NO.
ORDI	ER AND NOTICE
legal custody)(sole legal custody)(partial physical cus	Filing party), have been sued in Court to (obtain/modify)(shared stody)(primary physical custody) (shared physical custody)(sole e child(ren): IDENTIFY EACH CHILD BY INITIALS ONLY—
If you fail to appear at the scheduled hearing may be entered against you, or the Court may issue a	g/conference, an order for custody, partial custody, or visitation warrant for your arrest.
anyone living in your household on or before the initi	egarding any criminal record or abuse history regarding you and ial in-person contact with the Court (including, but not limited to, nciliation), but not later than 30 days after service of the
No party may make a change in the residence party to exercise custodial rights without first comply 23 Pa. C.S. §5337 and Pa. R.C.P. No. 1915.17, regard	
LAWYER, GO TO OR TELEPHONE ONE OF T CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION A TO HIRE A LAWYER, THESE OFFICES MAY	LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A THE OFFICES SET FORTH BELOW. THESE OFFICES BOUT HIRING A LAWYER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION AL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED
If you do not have a lawyer contact:	If you cannot afford a lawyer, you may be eligible for legal aid through:
Pennsylvania Bar Association	
Lawyer Referral Service	North Penn Legal Services
100 South Bend Street, P.O. Box 186	25 West Third Street, Suite 400
Harrisburg, PA 17108-0186	Williamsport, PA 17701
(800) 692-7375	(570) 323-8741
	BY THE COURT,
Date:	

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990

The Court of Common Pleas of Lycoming County is required by law to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990. For information about accessible facilities and reasonable accommodations available to disabled individuals having business before the court, please contact the Court Administrator's office, telephone number (570)327-2330. All arrangements must be made at least 72 hours prior to any hearing or business before the court.

, Plaintiff	: IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF: LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA		
vs.	: : NO. : CIVIL ACTION - LAW		
Defendant	; : CUSTODY		
ENTRY OF APPEARANCE	CE OF SELF-REPRESENTED PARTY		
Pursuan	t to Pa.R.C.P. No. 1930.8		
1. My name is	·		
2. I am the Plaintiff Defendant			
3. I represent myself in this action.			
[FILL OUT THIS PART ONLY IF	F COUNSEL OF RECORD (IF APPLICABLE) YOU HAVE AN ATTORNEY OF RECORD], Esquire as my attorney of record.		
	filing party _, Esquire (Print attorney name) ID# Attorney Signature Date:		
5. I understand that I am under a continucourt, to other self-represented parties, a	uing obligation to provide current contact information to the nd to attorneys of record.		
All pleadings and legal papers can be not be my home address pursuant to I	served on me at the address listed below, which may or may Rule 1930.8.		
Print Name:	Date:		
Signature:	Telephone Number:		
Address:			

THE PARTY FILING THIS ENTRY OF APPEARANCE MUST PROVIDE NOTICE BY SENDING A COPY TO ALL PARTIES AND ATTORNEYS, INCLUDING THE ATTORNEY REMOVED FROM THE CASE.

Plaintiff	: IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF : LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
vs.	: NO. : CIVIL ACTION - LAW
Defendant	: CUSTODY
<u>PETIT</u>	ION TO INTERVENE AND MODIFY
1. I,(write your n	am not a party to this custody action, but I am requestin
	lation to the children is
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2. The Plaintiff in this action	on is
He/She is the(relations)	of the child(ren). He/she currently resides at hip to child(ren))
3. The Defendant in this action	is
He/She is the (relations)	of the child(ren). He/she currently resides at hip to child(ren))
4. The child(ren) involved in	this case are: LIST CHILDREN BY INITIALS AND AGE ONLY-
4. The child(ren) involved in DO NOT USE NAMES	
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DO NOT USE NAMES	OR BIRTH DATES.
DO NOT USE NAMES	OR BIRTH DATES.

٥.	[] A copy of the current Custody Order is attached.				
6.	The current Custody Order should be modified/changed because:				
7.	An Order should be entered that states:				

I Have Standing Because:

(You must check box A, B, C, or D. You can check more than one.) $A.\square$ I stand in loco parentis to the child(ren). I have acted as a parent to the child(ren) for the time period of OR $B.\square$ Neither parent has any form of care and control of the child(ren) **AND** I have assumed or am willing to assume responsibility for the child(ren). **AND** I have a sustained, substantial and sincere interest in the welfare of the child(ren). **AND** there is no current dependency proceeding or order of permanent legal custody for the child(ren). [through Children and Youth] OR $C.\square$ I am a grandparent who wants substantial physical custody and/or legal custody **AND** my relationship with the child(ren) began with the consent of a parent of the child(ren) or under a court order. **AND** I am willing to assume responsibility for the child(ren). **AND** the child(ren) have: (check which of the following applies to the child(ren)) Been determined to be dependent under 42 PA.C.S.Ch.63 (Children & Youth). Are at risk due to parental abuse, neglect, drug or alcohol abuse or incapacity. OR Lived with me for at least 12 consecutive months, except for brief temporary absences of the child(ren) from my home AND the child(ren) were removed from my home by the parents less than six months ago. OR $D.\square$ I am a grandparent or great-grandparent who wants partial physical custody or supervised visitation **AND:** (check which of the following applies to you) A parent of the child(ren) is deceased and I am the parent or grandparent of that deceased person. OR The child(ren) have resided with me for a period of at least 12 consecutive months, except for brief temporary absences **AND** the child(ren) were removed from my home by the parents less than six months ago. OR My relationship with the child(ren) began with the consent of a parent or court order **AND** the parents of the child(ren) have started proceedings for custody **AND** the parents do not agree as to whether the grandparents or great-grandparents should have partial physical custody/ supervised visitation.

8.

Date Po	etitioner (your signature)
regarding unsworn falsification to authorities.	
correct, and I understand that raise statements	made herein are subject to penalties under 181 a. § 4904,
correct and Lunderstand that false statements	made herein are subject to penalties under 18 Pa. § 4904,
and enter an order in my favor. I verify that th	e statements made in the Petition to Intervene are true and
WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully	requests the Court to grant me permission to intervene

,	:	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF
Plaintiff	:	LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
	:	
vs.	:	CIVIL ACTION – LAW
	:	CUSTODY
,	:	
Defendant	:	NO.

CRIMINAL RECORD/ABUSE HISTORY VERIFICATION

I,	, hereby swear or affirm, subject to penalties of law
including18 Pa. C.S.	§4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities that:

1. Unless indicated by my checking the box next to a crime below, neither I nor any other member of my household have been convicted or pled guilty or pled no contest or was adjudicated delinquent where the record is publicly available pursuant to the Juvenile Act, 42 Pa. C.S. §6307 to any of the following crimes in Pennsylvania, or a substantially equivalent crime in any other jurisdiction, including pending charges:

Check all that apply	Crime	Self	Other Household Member	Date of Conviction, Guilty Plea or Pending Charges	Sentence
	18 Pa. C.S. Ch. 25 (relating to criminal homicide)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §2702 (relating to aggravated assault)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §2706 (relating to terroristic threats)				
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	18 Pa. C.S. §2901 (relating to kidnapping)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §2902 (relating to unlawful restraint)				

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	false imprisonment)				
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	luring a child into a motor				
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	assault)				
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	conduct relating to sex				
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	incest)				
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	concealing death of a child)				
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	children)				
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	dealing in infant children)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §5902(b) (relating to prostitution and related				
	offenses)				
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	(relating to obscene and other				
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	18 Pa. C.S. §6301 (relating to corruption of minors)				
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	Driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol				
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2. Unless indicated by my checking the box next to an item below, neither I nor any other member in my household have a history of violent or abusive conduct, or involvement with a Children and Youth agency, including the following:

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	Signature
	Printed Name
	Date

, Plaintiff	:	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
VS.	: : :	CIVIL ACTION – LAW CUSTODY
, Defendant	:	NO.

CRIMINAL RECORD/ABUSE HISTORY VERIFICATION

I,	, hereby swear or affirm, subject to penalties of law
including 18 Pa. C.S.	§4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities that:

1. Unless indicated by my checking the box next to a crime below, neither I nor any other member of my household have been convicted or pled guilty or pled no contest or was adjudicated delinquent where the record is publicly available pursuant to the Juvenile Act, 42 Pa. C.S. §6307 to any of the following crimes in Pennsylvania, or a substantially equivalent crime in any other jurisdiction, including pending charges:

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	:	
	:	CIVIL ACTION – LAW
	:	CUSTODY
,	:	
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initials of and the full name of	State of Issuance:	DLN 1
(full name of minor)	State Identification Number (SID):	
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Plaintiff vs. Defendant	 IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL ACTION – LAW CUSTODY NO.
	O PROCEED WITHOUT OF FEES AND COSTS
AND NOW, this day of	of, 20, upon consideration
of the within Petition, it is hereby ordered	that the Petitioner shall/shall not be permitted to proceed
in this matter without payment of fees and	costs.
	BY THE COURT,

	Plaintiff,	: IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
	vs.	: CIVIL ACTION – LAW : CUSTODY
	Defendant	: NO.
	PETITION TO PROCEED WITH	IOUT PAYMENT OF FEES AND COSTS
1.	I am a party in the above matter and because	of my financial condition I am unable to pay the fees and
	costs of prosecuting or defending the action of	or proceeding.
2.	I am unable to obtain funds from anyone, inc	cluding my family and associates, to pay the costs of
	litigation.	
3.	I represent that the information below relatin	g to my ability to pay the fees and costs is true and correct:
	-	
	(a) Name: Address:	
	(b) Employment If you are presently employed, sta	ate
	Employer:	
	Address:	
	Salary or wages per month:	
	Type of work:	
	If you are presently unemployed,	state
	Date of last employment:	
	Salary or Wages per month:	
	Type of work:	
	(c) Other income within the past tw	velve months
	Business or profession:	
	Other self-employment:	
	Interest:	

Dividends:		
Pension and annuities:		
Social security benefits:		
Support payments:		
Disability payments:		
Unemployment compensation a	and supplemental benefits:	
Workers' compensation:		
Public assistance:		
Other:		
(d) Other contributions to housel	nold support	
Do you have a spouse?		
Name of your spouse:		
If your spouse is employed,	state	
Employer:		
Address:		
Salary or wages per month:		
Type of work:		
Contributions from children: _		
Contributions from parents:		
Other contributions:		
(e) Property owned		
Cash:		
Checking account:		
Savings account:		
Certificates of deposit:		
Real estate (including home): _		
Motor vehicle:		
Make	Year	
Cost	Amount Owed: \$	

Stocks and bonds:	
Other:	
(f) Debts and obligations	
Mortgage:	
Rent:	
Loans:	
Other:	-
(g) Persons dependent upon you for support	
Spouse Name:	_
Children	
List INITIALS of each child. Initials:	
List ages of children (no birthdates). Ages:	
Other persons who depend on you for support	
Name:	_
Relationship:	_
4. I understand that I have a continuing obligation to inform th financial circumstances which would permit me to pay the costs incurred	•
imanetal electristances which would permit hie to pay the costs metric	ou norom.
5. I verify that the statements made in this affidavit are true and	d correct. I understand that false
statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. §4904	, relating to unsworn falsification to
authorities.	
Date:	
Signature of Petitioner:	
Print Name Here:	
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Plaintiff,	: IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF : LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
vs.	: NO. : CIVIL ACTION - LAW
, Defendant	: : CUSTODY/VISITATION
AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY	CERTIFIED MAIL AND REGULAR MAIL
I,	, certify that on, I (date mailed)
(vour name)	(date mailed)
sent by certified mail, restricted delivery, re	infidential Information Form. These documents were eturn receipt requested, to:
——————————————————————————————————————	me and address)
I also mailed a true and correct copy	, ,
mail to this party at the same address on	(date mailed)
☐ The other party received the Sender's receipt and return r	documents (date received) receipt are attached.
☐ The other party refused the cattached.	certified mail, and the sender's receipt and refusal are
☐ The regular mail has not bee	en returned as undeliverable.
	d correct. I understand that false statements herein are §4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.
Date: Petitic	oner's Signature:

Plaintiff	_, : IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF : LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
vs.	: : NO. : CIVIL ACTION - LAW
Defendant	_, : : CUSTODY/VISITATION
<u>AF</u>	FIDAVIT OF PERSONAL SERVICE
Ι,	, certify that I am a competent adult who is
	am not a party to this action or an employee or relative of a party
to this action. On(date)	, I served a true and correct copy of the
Motion Cover Sheet, Notice an	d Order, Petition to Intervene and Modify, a copy of the Custody cord/Abuse History Verification, blank Criminal Record/Abuse idential Information Form
upon(other parent/party)	by:
(other parent/party) □ handing a copy to him/h	
Ü 1.	lult family member at his/her residence by the name of
□ handing a copy to an ad	_; lult in charge of his/her residence by the name of
handing a copy to an ad	; lult in charge at his/her place of employment by the name of
	(place served)
at approximately	time of day/am-pm)
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Date:	(server's signature
	Name:
	Address
	Phone: