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THIRD-CUSTODY QUESTIONNAIRE

Instructions: Please provide all of the following information to the best of your ability.

Date: _____

Third-Party Custody Questionnaire

1. General information

Your Name: _____
First, middle, and last

All previous names or aliases: _____

Your Address, including county: _____

Your Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

How are you related to the child(ren)? _____

Your Employer: _____

Job Title: _____ Length of Employment: _____

Name of Spouse: _____
First, middle, and last

All previous names or aliases: _____

Spouse's Address: _____

Spouse's birth date: _____ Age: _____

How is spouse related to the child(ren)? _____

Employer: _____

Job Title: _____ Length of Employment: _____

Date of marriage: _____

How long have you lived in Minnesota? _____ Your spouse? _____

Previous marriages:

From	To	Former spouse's name
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

2. Child(ren) involved

Child's full name: _____

___ Male ___ Female Birthdate: _____ Age: _____

Name of person child lives with: _____

Child's full name: _____

___ Male ___ Female Birthdate: _____ Age: _____

Name of person child lives with: _____

Child's full name: _____

___ Male ___ Female Birthdate: _____ Age: _____

Name of person child lives with: _____

Child's full name: _____

___ Male ___ Female Birthdate: _____ Age: _____

Name of person child lives with: _____

Child's full name: _____

___ Male ___ Female Birthdate: _____ Age: _____

Name of person child lives with: _____

3. Biological parents of the child(ren)

A. Mother

Name: _____

First, middle, and last

All previous names or aliases: _____

Address, including county: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

B. Father

Name: _____
First, middle, and last

All previous names or aliases: _____

Address, including county: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

4. Service member's Civil Relief Act information

Yes No Are you or your spouse an active duty member of the Armed Forces?

Yes No Are either of the biological parents an active duty member of the Armed Forces?

If yes, name: _____

5. Jurisdiction – de facto custodian or interested third party

A. De facto custodian

Over the last 24 months, how many months have you been the primary caretaker for the minor child(ren)? _____ months

Yes No Has either parent lived in your home during this time?

Yes No Has either parent consistently participated in the child(ren)'s lives while the child(ren) were living with you?

B. Interested third party

Yes No Has the biological parent abandoned, neglected, or otherwise exhibited disregard for the child's well-being to the extent that the child would be harmed by living with the parent?

Yes No Do you believe that placement of the child with you takes priority over preserving the day-to-day parent-child relationship because of the presence of physical or emotional danger to the child, or both?

Other extraordinary circumstances exist: *Briefly describe these circumstances.*

6. Information about the child(ren)

A. Who currently has custody of the child(ren)? _____

B. How long have the child(ren) lived in Minnesota? _____

C. How long has each child lived with you? _____

D. How and why did the child(ren) come to live with you?

E. Yes No Does the child you want custody of have any brothers or sisters?

If Yes, do all of the siblings live with you Yes No

If No, write the name of each sibling and the name of the person with whom they are living and how that person is related to the child.

Sibling's Name	Name of person the sibling is living with	Relationship to sibling
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

7. Request for legal and physical custody and parenting time

A. Legal custody

Yes No I am requesting sole legal custody to me

Yes No I am requesting joint legal custody with my spouse

Yes No I am requesting joint legal custody with the parent(s) or guardian(s)

B. Physical custody

Yes No I am requesting sole physical custody to me

Yes No I am requesting joint physical custody with my spouse

Yes No I am requesting joint physical custody with the parent(s)
or guardian(s)

C. Parenting time for biological mother

Yes No Unsupervised parenting time

Yes No Supervised parenting time

Proposed parenting time schedule:

Yes No Is it in the best interests of the child that Mother's parenting time be reserved?

D. Parenting time for biological father.

Yes No Unsupervised parenting time

Yes No Supervised parenting time

Proposed parenting time schedule:

Yes No Is it in the best interests of the child that Mother's parenting time be reserved?

8. Information regarding Mother's and Father's involvement with the child(ren)

A. Mother's current parenting time schedule:

B. Father's current parenting time schedule:

C. Yes No Were Mother and Father ever married?

If Yes, has either parent filed papers in a court in Minnesota or another state to get a divorce or legal separation? Yes No

What County and State is the case in: _____

D. Yes No Has the Mother committed acts of domestic violence (physical or emotional abuse) against the child or neglected the child?

Yes No Is there a Court Order that says that the Mother cannot have custody of the child?

If Yes, the Court Order is dated _____, the court file number is _____.

The County and State where the order was issued is _____,

and custody is awarded to _____.

Yes No If any conditions were set in the court order for custody to be returned to the Mother, did she follow these conditions?

E. Yes No Has the Father committed acts of domestic violence (physical or emotional abuse) against the child or neglected the child?

Yes No Is there a Court Order that says that the Father cannot have custody of the child?

If Yes, the Court Order is dated _____, the court file number is _____.

The County and State where the order was issued is _____,

and custody is awarded to _____.

Yes No If any conditions were set in the court order for custody to be returned to the Father, did he follow these conditions?

9. Information about other people who have provided care for the child(ren)

A. Yes No Has a Standby Custodian been named by the Mother or Father?

Name of Standby Custodian and who appointed him/her:

B. ___ Yes ___ No Are there people other than Petitioner(s) who have cared for the child(ren) in their home for an extended period of time without the parent's involvement?

Name of person	Relationship to child(ren)	Amount of time/when
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10. Reasons it is in the child(ren)'s best interests for you to have custody

A. What do the parties want for legal custody of the child(ren)?

You: _____.

Mother wants: _____.

Father wants: _____.

B. What do the child(ren) want for custody, if the child(ren) are old enough to express a preference?

C. Who is the child's primary caretaker? _____

D. Briefly and factually describe how close the child is to everyone involved:

E. Briefly and factually describe the relationships and interactions the child has with you, with the child's parent(s), sibling(s), or any other person who has played an important role in the child's life:

F. Describe the level of adjustment the child has to life at your home, in school, and in the community:

G. Has the child lived in a stable, safe place; how long has the child lived in the stable, safe place; and where is that place?

H. Other than the child who is part of this custody request, who else lives with you in your home?

I. Do you consider these people to be your permanent family unit? Explain briefly:

J. Briefly describe the mental and physical health of everyone involved:

K. Explain how able you are to give the child love, affection, and guidance, including religious guidance, and how you will do this:

L. What is the child's cultural background?

M. Has there been violence by any of the parties to this case against another party?

Yes No If yes, who has been involved in the domestic abuse?

Explain what effect this abuse has had on the child:

11. Please attach any documentation you may have relating to the child(ren).

Example: court orders, Standby Custodian Agreement, etc.