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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.*

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**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? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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

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**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:

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- 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:

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- 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:

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B. Father's current parenting time schedule:

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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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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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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?

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C. Who is the child's primary caretaker? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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:

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

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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?

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

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

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

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

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L. What is the child's cultural background?

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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?

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Explain what effect this abuse has had on the child:

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**11. Please attach any documentation you may have relating to the child(ren).**  
Example: court orders, Standby Custodian Agreement, etc.