

JUVENILE GUARDIANSHIP CONSENT REQUEST FOR MCI WARDS (NOT REQUESTING GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE)

State of Michigan
Department of Human Services

Child's Name (Last, First, Middle)	Date of Birth	SWSS Log Number
DHS Local Office	Name of Recommended Juvenile Guardian(s):	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Relative <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Instructions: Complete either Section A or B, and all of Section C.		
<p>A. <input type="checkbox"/> EXPEDITED CONSENT REQUEST (All of the following must apply): Date placed in the home: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The child has resided in the prospective guardian's home for a minimum of six consecutive months and all of his/her physical and emotional needs are being satisfactorily met.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Criminal record checks, including fingerprint based check for prospective guardian, and CPS clearances for all adults in the home are current (see foster care policy) – no arrests or convictions.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The family has no previous complaints (licensing and/or CPS) involving the care of a child.</p>		
<p>B. <input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR CONSENT REQUEST Date placed in the home: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The child has resided in the prospective guardian's home for a minimum of six consecutive months and all of his/her physical and emotional needs are being satisfactorily met.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The family <u>has</u> previous licensing, protective services, or criminal complaints.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> There are other circumstances existing that require additional documentation.</p>		
<p>C. ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ARE REQUIRED FOR EACH CONSENT REQUEST:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of the child's birth certificate or other verification of birth.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of the child's USP that includes the required report elements for juvenile guardianship as defined under "Case Plan Requirements".</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Guardianship Home Study (DHS-616).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Legal documentation (A copy of at least 1 of the following legal forms is included):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A copy of the Order Terminating Parental Rights, Commitment to DHS (JC63). b. The applicable legal documents committing a child to DHS following a voluntary release (PCA 305, 306, 312, 318, 322). c. Combination of a and b above. d. Order committing child to MCI (following a disrupted adoption). 		
Placement Agency and Address		
Signature of Foster Care Caseworker	Date	Telephone Number
Signature of Foster Care Supervisor Approving the Guardianship		Date

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REQUIREMENTS TO REQUEST CONSENT FOR JUVENILE GUARDIANSHIP OF MCI WARDS

LEGAL AUTHORITY

The Superintendent of the Michigan Children's Institute (MCI) represents the state as guardian of state wards beginning with the date of the child's commitment and continuing until the age of 19 (MCL 400.203). The MCI Superintendent is authorized to consent to adoption, juvenile guardianship, medical procedures, marriage, or emancipation according to the laws for adoption, juvenile guardianship, marriage or emancipation (MCL 400.209 and MCL 712A.19c).

CONSENT TO JUVENILE GUARDIANSHIP

The authority to grant consent to juvenile guardianship for state wards rests with the MCI Superintendent. State wards include children who have been committed to the state through involuntary termination of parental rights in the Family Division of a Circuit Court (PA 220 of 1935), or through release of parental rights by the legal parent(s) or private child placing agency to whom the child has been previously released (PA 296 of 1974). The MCI Superintendent must approve juvenile guardianship of any state ward. The request for consent from the placing agency is a recommendation that the prospective guardian(s) be granted consent by the MCI Superintendent. In requesting consent for the juvenile guardianship of a child, the Juvenile Guardianship Consent Request form must be completed and sent with required documentation to the MCI Superintendent, Adoption Services Division-Central Office. The Superintendent may request additional information or actions prior to issuing a decision regarding consent.

Juvenile Guardianship Consent Packet

1. Juvenile Guardianship Consent Request Form.
2. Copy of child's birth certificate.
3. Order Terminating Parental Rights/Commitment to the Department of Human Services (JC 63).
4. If the case was a voluntary release:
 - a. Release of Child By Parent (PCA 305).
 - b. Release of Child By Agency (PCA 306).
 - c. Order Terminating Parental Rights After Release or Consent (PCA 318).
 - d. Order Committing to Department of Human Services.
5. Copy of Caseworker's Permanency Planning Checklist (DHS-2052).
6. Copy of Caregiver's Permanency Planning Checklist (DHS-2051).
7. Copy of case plan/USP addressing the required elements:
 - The steps the agency has taken to determine that it is not appropriate for the child to be adopted.
 - The reasons for any separation of siblings during placement.
 - The reasons why a permanent placement with guardian through a guardianship assistance arrangement is in the child's best interest.
 - The ways in which the child meets the requirements for a guardianship assistance payment and reason why guardianship assistance payment is not requested by the guardian.
 - The efforts the agency has made to discuss adoption by the child's relatives or foster parents as a more permanent alternative to legal guardianship and, in the case of a relative foster parent who has chosen not to pursue adoption, documentation of the reasons.

The completed packet should be sent to:

Michigan Department of Human Services
MCI Superintendent
Suite 412
P.O. Box 30037
Lansing, Michigan 48909