

First Petition for Child Custody

Case Number (the clerk will fill this in)

In the _____ Court of (county): _____ County, Alabama

v.

Your Name

(Plaintiff in this case)

Defendant's First and Last Name

(the other parent)

Use this form only if this is the *first* custody order for these children. To *change* an order, use form PS-07.Do **not** use this form in a child support case filed by Alabama DHR.**Important!** You must file this form in the same county where the child/ren live.**Print your answers.****① Mother's information**Name: _____ Age: _____
first middle lastAddress: _____
street address city state zip

Phone #: (_____) _____

Is the mother of these children married to the father of these children? ☐ Yes ☐ No**② Father's information**Name: _____ Age: _____
first middle lastAddress: _____
street address city state zip

Phone #: (_____) _____

③ If the person asking for custody is NOT the mother or father of the children above, fill out below:Name: _____ Age: _____
first middle lastAddress: _____
street address city state zip

Phone #: (_____) _____ Your relationship to the children (explain): _____

④ Information about the children

Names and dates of birth of the child/ren under 19 involved in this case (print):

Name: _____ Date of birth: _____

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Who do the child/ren live with now? ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Other (name and relationship): _____Current Address: _____
street address city county state zip

How long have the child/ren been at this address? _____

If less than 6 months, where else have the child/ren lived during the last 12 months?

Previous addresses: _____
street address city county state zip_____
street address city county state zip_____
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⑤ Other cases involving these child/ren

Have there been any other court cases, like child support, juvenile, or DHR about this child/ren? ☐ Yes* ☐ No

***If Yes, fill out below:**

When and where were the orders made?			What kind of orders did the court make?
Date	County	State	

⑥ Best person to take care of the children

Explain why you believe giving you full custody would be best for the child/ren.

⑦ The person asking for custody must read and sign below:

- I believe that giving me full custody is best for the child/ren.
- I certify that I am able to take care of the child/ren listed above. I am a fit and proper person.
- I ask the Court to give me full legal and physical custody of the child/ren listed above, and to make any other orders I may be entitled to, including child support, and unpaid support, if owed.

Petitioner's Email Address: _____

Notice to Petitioner: If you are not represented by an attorney, court notices and orders may be sent electronically to the email address provided above in accordance with the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure. If no email address is provided, notices and orders that are required to be served by the clerk or other parties may be sent by United States mail, which may result in slower delivery and delayed receipt of court communications. It is the filer's responsibility to promptly notify the clerk of any change in contact information.

Sign here in front of a notary: _____ Date : _____

Notary fills out below—

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority,

By (Print name of notary/clerk): _____

On this date: _____

(Notary's seal here)

Notary signs here