

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BEDFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

_____ ,	:	No. ____ for the year of _____
Plaintiff	:	
vs.	:	Civil Action – Law
	:	
_____ ,	:	In Custody
Defendant	:	
vs.	:	
	:	
_____ ,	:	
Intervenor(s)	:	

ORDER OF COURT

You have been sued in court to intervene in the above-captioned custody action and to (OBTAIN)(MODIFY) (shared legal custody) (sole legal custody) (partial physical custody) (primary physical custody) (shared physical custody) (sole physical custody) (supervised physical custody) of the child(ren): (child(ren)’s initials) _____

Upon consideration of the foregoing Petition to Intervene and Modify, you are ordered to appear in person at Bedford County Courthouse, 200 South Juliana Street, Bedford, Pennsylvania, in Courtroom No. 2, on _____, 20__, at _____.M. for

- A conciliation or mediation conference.
- A pretrial conference.
- A hearing before the court.

If you fail to appear as provided by this order, an order for custody may be entered against you or the court may issue a warrant for your arrest.

You must file with the court a verification regarding any criminal record or abuse history regarding you and anyone living in your household on or before the initial in-person contact with

the court (including, but not limited to, a conference with a conference officer or judge or conciliation) but not later than 30 days after service of the complaint or petition.

No party may make a change in the residence of any child which significantly impairs the ability of the other party to exercise custodial rights without first complying with all of the applicable provisions of 23 Pa. C.S. Section 5337 and Pa.R.C.P. No. 1915.17 regarding relocation.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW. THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER.

IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE.

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Bedford County Courthouse
200 S. Juliana Street
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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990

The Court of Common Pleas of Bedford 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 our office. All arrangements must be made at least 72 hours prior to any hearing or business before the court. You must attend the scheduled conference or hearing.

Date: _____ J.

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_____, :
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PETITION TO INTERVENE AND MODIFY

1. The proposed intervenor(s) is/are _____,
residing at _____,
County. The proposed intervenor(s)'s relationship to the child(ren) who is/are the subject
of this action is/are _____.
2. The plaintiff is _____, residing at
_____, _____ County.
The plaintiff's relationship to the child(ren) who is/are the subject of this action is
_____.
3. The defendant is _____, residing at
_____, _____ County.
The defendant's relationship to the child(ren) who is/are the subject of this action is
_____.
4. Proposed intervenor seeks () shared legal custody () sole legal custody and
() partial physical custody () primary physical custody () shared physical custody
() sole physical custody () supervised physical custody of the following child(ren):

<u>Initials of child(ren)</u>	<u>Present Residence</u>	<u>Age</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

5. Proposed intervenor has standing to intervene in this custody proceedings because (choose one of the following):

I am a biological parent of the child(ren) who is/are the subject of this current custody proceeding.

OR

I stand *in loco parentis* to the child(ren). I have acted as a parent to the minor child(ren) for the time period of _____.

OR

I am a grandparent who wants substantial physical custody and/or legal custody of the child(ren)

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 (choose one of the following):

Been determined to be dependent under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63 (Children and Youth).

OR

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

- 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

- I am a grandparent or great-grandparent who wants partial physical custody or supervised visitation and (choose one of the following):
 - 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 or supervised visitation.

6. The best interest and permanent welfare of the child(ren) will be served by modifying the current Order because :

7. Proposed intervenor requests to intervene in this custody action and requests the following relief:

8. Proposed intervenor has attached the Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification form required pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. No. 1915.3-2.

WHEREFORE, proposed intervenor requests this Honorable Court grant the Petition to Intervene and grant () shared legal custody () sole legal custody and () partial physical custody () primary physical custody () shared physical custody () sole physical custody () supervised physical custody of the child(ren).

CERTIFICATION

I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

VERIFICATION

I verify that the statements made in this Petition to Intervene and Modify are true and 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: _____

Proposed intervenor's Signature