

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 last

Address: _____
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 last

Address: _____
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 last

Address: _____
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*

_____ *street address city county state zip*

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.

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)

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Notary signs here