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- Instructions:** 1) A parent or guardian, or other authorized person or agency under C.G.S. section 45a-715, may use this form to petition for termination of parental rights of a parent or parents of a minor child. For a child born out of wedlock, the petition shall list any putative father as defined in C.G.S. section 45a-716 (b).
- 2) The petition should be filed in the court for the probate district in which (1) the petitioner resides; (2) the minor child resides, is domiciled or is located at the time of the filing of the petition; or (3) in the case of a minor who is under the guardianship of any child care facility or child-placing agency, in the district in which the main or local office of the agency is located.
- 3) A statement of facts for each ground of termination, including consent, must be completed. See Page 4.
- 4) The following documents should be filed with the petition: a) A long-form birth certificate, b) JD-FM-164, Affidavit Concerning Children and c) Confidential Sheet, PC-600CI, with confidential social security numbers.
- 5) Contact the court regarding payment of service of process fees and, if applicable, payment of newspaper notice publication.
- 6) For more information, see C.G.S. sections 45a-715 et seq., 46b-115 et seq., and 52-231a, and Probate Court Rules of Procedure, rule 40.
- 7) Type or print in ink. Use an additional sheet, or PC-180, if more space is needed.

Probate Court Name		District Number	
In the Matter of		Place of Birth of Minor Child	Birth Date of Minor Child
Hereinafter referred to as the minor child			
Address where minor child resides	Address where minor child is domiciled (if different)	Address where minor child is located at time of filing petition (if different)	

Tribes and Reservations of Minor Child, if an Indian Child as defined by 25 U.S.C. section 1903 (Name and address)

Petitioner (Name, address and telephone number, and the nature of the relationship to the minor child)

Parents of Minor Child (For each parent, list name, address, telephone number: date of birth, whether in the military service of the United States or Allied Nation (50 U.S.C. section 3931); Indian tribe and reservation, if a member as defined by 25 U.S.C. section 1903; and whether the parent is legally incompetent. Include any putative father of a child born out of wedlock. C.G.S. section 45a-716 (b)(2)).

1. a. Relationship to minor child:
b. If parent, date of birth:
c. In military service of US or Allied Nation) Yes No
d. Indian tribe and reservation:
e. Legally incompetent: Yes No

2. a. Relationship to minor child:
b. If parent, date of birth:
c. In military service of US or Allied Nation: Yes No
d. Indian tribe and reservation:
e. Legally incompetent: Yes No

Hereinafter referred to as the respondent(s)

If a parent listed above is a minor or legally incompetent, list the parents or guardian/conservator for the parent
(Include the name, address, telephone number and relationship.)

1.

2.

Name of parent whose parental rights were previously terminated. (Provide a copy of the court decree.)

The petitioner alleges that the whereabouts of the respondents is unknown. The last-known address of the respondents is:

The following efforts have been made to obtain the current address for the respondents:

Guardian of the person, if not a parent (For each guardian, list name, address, telephone number and date of appointment as guardian.)

Child-placing agency involved with the minor child, if not the petitioner (Name, address and telephone number)

The petitioner represents that:

The parental rights of the persons indicated below should be terminated for one or more of the following grounds as provided by statute and as more fully described in the attached statement of facts for each ground for termination:

_____ consents to termination of his or her parental rights with respect to minor child. (No further allegation is necessary against a consenting parent. However an Affidavit/ Consent to Termination of Parental Rights, JD-JM-60, must accompany this petition.)

OR
 The child was abandoned by _____ in the sense that the parent has failed to maintain a reasonable degree of interest, concern or responsibility as to the welfare of the child.

OR

The child has been denied the care, guidance or control necessary for the child's physical, educational, moral or emotional well-being, by reason of acts of parental commission or omission by _____

There has been a nonaccidental or inadequately explained serious physical injury to the child.

There has been sexual molestation and exploitation, severe physical abuse or a pattern of abuse.

Other acts of parental commission or omission as follows: _____

OR

There is no ongoing parent/child relationship, as defined in C.G.S. section 45a-717(g), between the child and _____ and to allow further time for the establishment or reestablishment of the parent/child relationship would be detrimental to the best interests of the child.

OR

The child is found to be neglected, abused or uncared for as those terms are defined under C.G.S. section 46b-120 AND has been in the custody of the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families for at least 15 months, AND the parent, _____, has been provided specific steps to take to facilitate the return of the child to the parent pursuant to C.G.S. section 46b-129, AND the parent has failed to achieve such degree of personal rehabilitation as would encourage the belief that, within a reasonable time and considering the age and needs of the child, such parent could assume a responsible position in the life of the child.

OR

The child has been found in a prior proceeding by the Probate Court for the District of _____ or the Superior Court _____ to have been neglected, abused or uncared for as those terms are defined under C.G.S. section 46b-120, AND the parent has failed to achieve such degree of personal rehabilitation as would encourage the belief that, within a reasonable time and considering the age and needs of the child, such parent could assume a responsible position in the life of the child.

OR

The child is under seven years of age AND is neglected, abused or uncared for as those terms are defined in C.G.S. section 46b-120, AND the parent, _____, has failed, is unable or is unwilling to achieve such degree of personal rehabilitation as would encourage the belief that, within a reasonable time and considering the age and needs of the child, such parent could assume a responsible position in the life of the child, AND such parent's parental rights of another child were previously terminated pursuant to a petition filed by the Commissioner of Children and Families.

OR

The parent, _____, has killed through deliberate, nonaccidental act another child of the parent OR has requested, commanded, importuned, attempted, conspired or solicited such killing OR has committed an assault through deliberate and nonaccidental act that has resulted in serious bodily injury of another child of the parent.

OR

The parent, _____, committed an act or acts that constitute sexual assault as described in sections 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-70b, 53a-70c, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, and the assault resulted in the conception of the child.

The parent, _____, was adjudged guilty of sexual assault under section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-70b, 53a-70c, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, and the assault resulted in the conception of the child.

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Statement of facts in support of each ground for termination of parental rights alleged, including consent termination:

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The petitioner further represents that the termination of parental rights of the parents, _____ and _____, is in the best interests of the child.

The petitioner further represents that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief:

The minor child has resided has not resided in Connecticut continuously for the last six months.

There is a proceeding is no proceeding pending or contemplated in Connecticut or any other state affecting the custody of the minor child.

There has been a proceeding has not been a proceeding in the past in Connecticut or any other state affecting the custody of the minor child.

There is is not a current safety or service agreement between the Department of Children and Families and the parent/guardian of the minor child.

There is is not a current protective order or restraining order involving any party. If so, please attach.

The minor child is is not the subject of a pre-existing child support order.

WHEREFORE, the petitioner requests that the court terminate the parental rights of _____, and petitions the court to:

Appoint a statutory parent for the minor child, adoption being contemplated.

The proposed statutory parent is: _____.

Appoint guardians of the person of the minor child.

The proposed guardians are: _____.

Affirm that the remaining parent shall be the sole parent and natural guardian of the minor child.

Affirm the appointment of _____ as guardian of the minor child.

The representations made in this petition are made under penalty of false statement.

Signature of Petitioner

Type or Print Name

Date

Acceptance of Trust of Proposed Statutory Parent, if applicable.

If appointed statutory parent, I will accept the position of trust:

Signature

Type or Print Name

Agency and Title

Address

Telephone Number

Date

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Acceptance of Trust of Proposed Guardians, if applicable.

If appointed guardian, I will accept the position of trust:

Signature _____

Type or Print Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Birth Date _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Type or Print Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Birth Date _____

Date _____

Consent to Termination

I consent to the termination of my parental rights with respect to the minor child. (Any consent to termination of parental rights must be accompanied by an Affidavit/ Consent to Termination of Parental Rights, JD-JM-60. C.G.S. section 45a-715. A parent may waive personal service by filing a Waiver of Personal or Abode Service/Parental Rights Matter, PC-633.)

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Duly Acknowledged Before Me _____

Type or Print Name _____

Date _____ Judge, Clerk, Public Notary, Comm. Sup. Ct. _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Duly Acknowledged Before Me _____

Type or Print Name _____

Date _____ Judge, Clerk, Public Notary, Comm. Sup. Ct. _____

Joinder and Consent of Minor Child

I, the undersigned minor child, being at least 12 years of age, do join in the petition for termination of parental rights and consent to the appointment of the proposed guardian as my guardian. C.G.S. section 45a-715.

Signature of Minor Child _____ Duly Acknowledged Before Me _____

Type or Print Name _____

Date _____ Judge, Clerk, Public Notary, Comm. Sup. Ct. _____

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Legal Effects of a Termination of Parental Rights Decree

Termination of parental rights means “the complete severance by court order of the legal relationship, with all of its rights and responsibilities between the child and his parent or parents so that the child is free for adoption except it shall not affect the right of inheritance of the child or the religious affiliation of the child.” C.G.S. section 45a-707(8). (Inheritance rights cease upon adoption.) No action taken with respect to the termination of parental rights of one parent affects the parental rights of the other parent.

Upon a decree of termination of parental rights, the parent will NO LONGER have the following rights and responsibilities with respect to the minor child who is the subject of the decree:

- The legal right to custody, guardianship or control of the minor child. The parent will have no legal right to care for the minor child or to make any decisions on behalf of the minor child.
- The legal right to the minor child's birth certificate.
- The legal right to any state and federal benefits the parent may have been receiving for the minor child.
- The legal responsibility to support the minor child and to pay for the minor child's maintenance, medical and other expenses, but the parent MAY be responsible for support of the minor child until the effective date of the termination.
- The legal responsibility to care for the minor child or make any decisions on his or her behalf.

Furthermore, upon a decree of termination, the minor child will be legally free for adoption, and the parent will have no right to notice of the adoption proceedings nor any right to participate in the proceedings.