

Sample Letter Designating Custody

Letter of Designation for Care of a Minor

I/We are the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of _____, born on _____
(name of child) (MM/DD/YYYY)

I/We designate, _____, to sponsor and care for my/our child.
(name of sponsor)

I consent that the above named care-giver/sponsor may:

- ____ (Initial) Have temporary care-giving authority for my child, until such time as my child is returned to my physical custody; or his/her custody status is altered by a Federal, State, or local agency; or changed by a court of law.
- ____ (Initial) Provide for medical, dental, and mental health care for my child.
- ____ (Initial) Provide for my child's physical and mental well-being, including but not limited to providing food, shelter.
- ____ (Initial) Enroll my child in school.
- ____ (Initial) Temporarily transfer physical custody of my child in the event of an emergency (serious illness, destruction of home, etc.) to another person.

Name of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) signing the form

(1) _____
 (2) _____

If one of the child's biological parents or other legal guardian is unable to consent please check why

- Deceased Mentally or physically unable to give consent
 Abandoned child No longer has legal custody of child
 Child's other parent/legal guardian resides Other in another location/country

Address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) signing the form

Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) signature*

(1) _____ (DATE)
 (2) _____ (DATE)

* Please note that by signing this form you are NOT terminating your parental or guardianship rights to your child. You maintain legal custody over your child pursuant to relevant Federal and State law. Stay in close contact with your child and the child's sponsor in order to help make decisions for the child's care and for medical, educational and other service.

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