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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. The petition must list any alleged genetic parent of a minor child born to parents not married to each other.
 - 2) The petition should be filed in the court for the probate district in which (a) the petitioner resides; (b) the minor child resides, is domiciled or is located at the time of filing the petition; or (c) in the case of a minor child who is under the guardianship of any child-care facility or child-placing agency, in the district in which the main or local office is located.
 - 3) A statement of facts for each ground for termination, including consent, must be completed. See Page 4.
 - 4) Birth certificate (long-form) and JD-FM-164, Affidavit Concerning Children, should be filed with the petition. Also file Confidential Information Sheet, PC-600CI, to submit 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			
Minor Child's Residence Address	Minor Child's Domicile Address (if different)	Minor Child's Present Location (if different)	

Tribe and Reservation of Minor Child, if an Indian Child as defined by 25 U.S.C. section 1903 or by Pub. Act 23-113 (Name and address)

Petitioner (Name, address and telephone number) **Petitioner's Relationship to Minor Child**

Parents of Minor Child (For each parent, list name, address and telephone number; date of birth; relationship to minor child, 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 or by Pub. Act 23-113; and whether the parent is a minor or otherwise legally incompetent. Include any alleged genetic parent if the minor child was born to parents not married to each other. C.G.S. section 45a-716 (b)(2))

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- a. Relationship to minor child:
- b. Date of birth:
- c. In military service of U.S. or Allied Nation) Yes No
- d. Indian tribe and reservation:
- e. Legally incompetent: Yes No

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- a. Relationship to minor child:
- b. Date of birth:
- c. In military service of U.S. or Allied Nation: Yes No
- d. Indian tribe and reservation:
- e. Legally incompetent: Yes No

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

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

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

The petitioner alleges that the whereabouts of one or more parents is unknown. The last-known address of the parents whose current address is unknown is:

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

The following efforts have been made to obtain the current address for one or both parents:

Guardian of the person, if not a parent (For each guardian, list name, address and telephone number. Provide a copy of the court decree.)

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 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 (See page 4.) for each ground for termination. (Check all that apply; if a parent consents, check only the first box with respect to that parent.)

The following parent or parents consent to termination of his or her parental rights with respect to the minor child.)

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

No further allegation is necessary against a consenting parent. However, JD-JM-60, Affidavit/Consent to Termination of Parental Rights, must accompany this petition.

In the sense that the parent has failed to maintain a reasonable degree of interest, concern or responsibility as to the welfare of the minor child, the minor child was abandoned by the following parent or parents:

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

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

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

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

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

There have been other acts of parental commission or omission as follows: _____

There is no ongoing parent/child relationship, as defined in C.G.S. section 45a-717(g), between the minor child and the following parent or parents:

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

AND to allow further time for the establishment or reestablishment of the parent/child relationship would be detrimental to the best interests of the minor child.

The minor child has been in the custody of the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families for at least 15 months AND is found to be neglected, abused or uncared for as those terms are defined under C.G.S. section 46b-120 by the following parent or parents:

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

AND the parent has been provided specific steps to take to facilitate the return of the minor 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 minor child, such parent could assume a responsible position in the life of the minor child.

The minor 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, by the following parent or parents:

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

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 minor child, such parent could assume a responsible position in the life of the minor child.

The minor 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 by the following parent or parents:

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

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 minor child, such parent could assume a responsible position in the life of the minor child, AND such parent's parental rights of another minor child were previously terminated pursuant to a petition filed by the Commissioner of Children and Families.

The following parent or parents:

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

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 that has resulted in serious bodily injury of another child of the parent.

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The following parent or parents:

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

has committed an act or acts that constitute sexual assault as described in C.G.S. 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 minor child.

The following parent or parents:

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

was adjudged guilty of sexual assault as described in C.G.S. 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 minor child.

The petitioner further represents that it is in the best interests of the minor child to terminate the parental rights of the following parent or parents:

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

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.

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

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WHEREFORE, the petitioner requests that the court terminate the parental rights of the following parent or parents:

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

The petitioner also requests that the court:

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

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 JD-JM-60, Affidavit/ Consent to Termination of Parental Rights. 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

Duly Acknowledged Before Me

Type or Print Name

Date

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

Signature of Parent

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

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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

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

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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.