

A Caretaker Authorization Affidavit **may be** created if:

1. A child is living with a grandparent who has made reasonable attempts to locate and contact both of the child's parents or the child's guardian or custodian but has been unable to do so.

A Caretaker Authorization Affidavit **may not** be executed if any of the following proceedings are pending regarding the child:

1. A proceeding for the appointment of a guardian for, or the adoption of, the child
2. A juvenile proceeding in which one of the following applies
 - a. The temporary, permanent, or legal custody of the child or the placement of the child in a planned permanent living arrangement has been requested.
 - b. The child is the subject of an ex parte emergency custody order issued under division (D) of section 2151.31 of the Revised Code and no hearing has yet been held regarding the child under division (A) of section 2151.314 of the Revised Code.
 - c. The child is the subject of a temporary custody order issued under section 2151.33 of the Revised Code.
3. A proceeding for divorce, dissolution, legal separation, annulment or allocation of parental rights and responsibilities regarding the child.

NOTICE TO GRANDPARENT

Please review the documents carefully before signing and filing with the Juvenile Court. **IT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO GIVE FALSE INFORMATION OR MAKE A FALSE REPRESENTATION TO THE COURT.**

Before filing with the court, the documents must be notarized by a notary public.

The document must be filed with the Juvenile Court in the county in which the grandparent resides, or in any other court that has jurisdiction over the child under a previously filed motion or proceeding not later than five days after the date it is executed.

The grandparent requesting this document must provide a photo ID at time of filing.

There is no charge to file this document with the Court; however, you will be charged if you request additional file stamped copies to be made by the court or to have it certified.

This caretaker authorization affidavit will be set for hearing at the Court's earliest convenience.

The document is valid until terminated as set forth in the notices contained herein and pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code.

PLEASE NOTE: The deputy clerks are not lawyers and are not permitted to answer legal questions or give legal advice. If you have any questions regarding these forms, you should consult with an attorney.

CARETAKER AUTHORIZATION AFFIDAVIT

Use of this affidavit is authorized by sections 3109.65 to 3109.73 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Completion of items 1 – 7 and the signing and notarization of this affidavit is sufficient to authorize the grandparent signing to exercise care, physical custody, and control of the child who is its subject, including authority to enroll the child in school, to discuss with the school district the child's educational progress, to consent to all school-related matters regarding the child, and to consent to medical, psychological, or dental treatment for the child.

The child named below lives in my home. I am 18 years of age or older, and I am the child's grandparent.

1. Name of child: _____
2. Child's date and year of birth: _____
3. Child's social security number (optional): _____
4. My name: _____
5. My home address: _____
6. My date and year of birth: _____
7. My Ohio driver's license number or identification card number: _____
8. Despite having made reasonable attempts, I am either **(circle all that apply)**:
 - (a) Unable to locate or contact the child's parents or the child's guardian or custodian; or
 - (b) I am unable to locate or contact one of the child's parents and I am not required to contact the other parent because paternity has not been established; or
 - (c) I am unable to locate or contact one of the child's parents and I am not required to contact the other parent because there is a custody order regarding the child and one of the following is the case:
 - (i) The parent has been prohibited from receiving notice of a relocation;
or
 - (ii) The parental rights of the parent have been terminated.
9. I hereby certify that this affidavit is not being executed for the purpose of enrolling the child in a school or school district so that the child may participate in the academic or interscholastic athletic programs provided by that school or district.

I understand that this document does not authorize a child support enforcement agency to redirect child support payments. I further understand that to have an existing child support order modified or a new child support order issued, administrative or judicial proceedings must be initiated.

WARNING: DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM IF ANY OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS ARE INCORRECT. FALSIFICATION IS A CRIME UNDER SECTION 2921.13 OF THE REVISED CODE, PUNISHABLE BY THE SANCTIONS UNDER CHAPTER 2929 OF THE REVISED CODE, INCLUDING A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT OF UP TO 6 MONTHS, A FINE OF UP TO \$1,000, OR BOTH.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct:

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Grandparent

Subscribed, sworn to, and acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public

THIS CARETAKER AUTHORIZATION AFFIDAVIT IS NOT VALID UNTIL APPROVED BY A JUDGE.

NOTICE: The court *may* report this information to the Shelby County Department of Job & Family Service, Children Service Division, if it believes that the Affidavit is not in the child's best interest or if the grandparent has a criminal or child abusing history.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY, OHIO

Plaintiff/Petitioner

Case No.

Judge

v./and

Magistrate

Defendant/Petitioner/Respondent

Instructions: Check local court rules to determine when this form must be filed. By law, an affidavit must be filed and served with the first pleading filed by each party in every parenting (custody/visitation) proceeding in this Court, including Dissolutions, Divorces and Domestic Violence Petitions. Each party has a continuing duty while this case is pending to inform the Court of any parenting proceeding concerning the child(ren) in any other court in this or any other state. If more space is needed, add additional pages.

PARENTING PROCEEDING AFFIDAVIT (R.C. 3127.23(A))

Affidavit of

(Print Your Name)

Check and complete ALL THAT APPLY:

- 1. I request that the court not disclose my current address or that of the child(ren). My address is confidential pursuant to R.C. 3127.23(D) and should be placed under seal to protect the health, safety, or liberty of myself and/or the child(ren).
2. Minor child(ren) are subject to this case as follows:

Insert the information requested below for all minor or dependent children of this marriage. You must list the residences for all places where the children have lived for the last FIVE years.

Form section a: Child's Name, Place of Birth, Date of Birth, Sex, Period of Residence, Check if Confidential, Person(s) With Whom Child Lived, Relationship.

Form section b: Child's Name, Place of Birth, Date of Birth, Sex.

Check this box if the information requested below would be the same as in subsection 2a and skip to the next question.

<u>Period of Residence</u>	<u>Check if Confidential</u>	<u>Person(s) With Whom Child Lived</u> (name & address)	<u>Relationship</u>
_____ to present	<input type="checkbox"/> Address Confidential?	_____	_____
_____ to _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Address Confidential?	_____	_____
_____ to _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Address Confidential?	_____	_____
_____ to _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Address Confidential?	_____	_____

c. Child's Name: _____ **Place of Birth:** _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Sex:** Male Female

Check this box if the information requested below would be the same as in subsection 2a and skip to the next question.

<u>Period of Residence</u>	<u>Check if Confidential</u>	<u>Person(s) With Whom Child Lived</u> (name & address)	<u>Relationship</u>
_____ to present	<input type="checkbox"/> Address Confidential?	_____	_____
_____ to _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Address Confidential?	_____	_____
_____ to _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Address Confidential?	_____	_____
_____ to _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Address Confidential?	_____	_____

IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED FOR ADDITIONAL CHILDREN, ATTACH A SEPARATE PAGE AND CHECK THIS BOX .

3. Participation in custody case(s): (Check only one box.)

- I **HAVE NOT** participated as a party, witness, or in any capacity in any other case, in this or any other state, concerning the custody of, or visitation (parenting time), with any child subject to this case.
- I **HAVE** participated as a party, witness, or in any capacity in any other case, in this or any other state, concerning the custody of, or visitation (parenting time), with any child subject to this case. For each case in which you participated, give the following information:

- a. Name of each child: _____
- b. Type of case: _____
- c. Court and State: _____
- d. Date and court order or judgment (if any): _____

IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED FOR ADDITIONAL CUSTODY CASES, ATTACH A SEPARATE PAGE AND CHECK THIS BOX .

4. Information about other civil case(s) that could affect this case: (Check only one box.)

I **HAVE NO INFORMATION** about any other civil cases that could affect the current case, including any cases relating to custody, domestic violence or protection orders, dependency, neglect or abuse allegations or adoptions concerning any child subject to this case.

I **HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION** concerning other civil cases that could affect the current case, including any cases relating to custody, domestic violence or protection orders, dependency, neglect or abuse allegations or adoptions concerning a child subject to this case. Do not repeat cases already listed in Paragraph 3. Explain:

- a. Name of each child: _____
- b. Type of case: _____
- c. Court and State: _____
- d. Date and court order or judgment (if any): _____

IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED FOR ADDITIONAL CASES, ATTACH A SEPARATE PAGE AND CHECK THIS BOX .

5. Information about criminal case(s):

List all of the criminal convictions, including guilty pleas, for you and the members of your household for the following offenses: any criminal offense involving acts that resulted in a child being abused or neglected; any domestic violence offense that is a violation of R.C. 2919.25; any sexually oriented offense as defined in R.C. 2950.01; and any offense involving a victim who was a family or household member at the time of the offense and caused physical harm to the victim during the commission of the offense.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Court/State/County</u>	<u>Convicted of What Crime?</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED FOR ADDITIONAL CASES, ATTACH A SEPARATE PAGE AND CHECK THIS BOX .

Persons not a party to this case who has physical custody or claims to have custody or visitation rights to children subject to this case: (Check only one box.)

6.

I **DO NOT KNOW OF ANY PERSON(S)** not a party to this case who has/have physical custody or claim(s) to have custody or visitation rights with respect to any child subject to this case.

I **KNOW THAT THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON(S)** not a party to this case has/have physical custody or claim(s) to have custody or visitation rights with respect to any child subject to this case.

a. Name/Address of Person _____

Has physical custody

Claims custody rights

Claims visitation rights

Name of each child: _____

b. Name/Address of Person _____

Has physical custody

Claims custody rights

Claims visitation rights

Name of each child: _____

c. Name/Address of Person _____

Has physical custody

Claims custody rights

Claims visitation rights

Name of each child: _____

OATH

(Do Not Sign Until Notary is Present)

I, (print name) _____, swear or affirm that I have read this document and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the facts and information stated in this document are true, accurate and complete. I understand that if I do not tell the truth, I may be subject to penalties for perjury.

Your Signature

Sworn before me and signed in my presence this _____ day of _____, _____.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

Notices:

1. The grandparent's signature must be notarized by an Ohio notary public.
2. The grandparent who executed this affidavit must file it with the juvenile court of the county in which the grandparent resides or any other court that has jurisdiction over the child under a previously filed motion or proceeding not later than five days after the date it is executed.
3. This affidavit does not affect the rights of the child's parents, guardian, or custodian regarding the care, physical custody, and control of the child, and does not give the grandparent legal custody of the child.
4. A person or entity that relies on this affidavit, in good faith, has no obligation to make any further inquiry or investigation.
5. This affidavit terminates on the occurrence of whichever of the following occurs first: 1) the child ceases to live with the grandparent who signs this form; 2) the parent, guardian, or custodian of the child acts to negate, reverse, or otherwise disapprove an action or decision of the grandparent who signed this affidavit, and the grandparent either voluntarily returns the child to the physical custody of the parent, guardian, or custodian or fails to file a complaint to seek custody within fourteen days; 3) the affidavit is terminated by court order; 4) the death of the child who is the subject of the affidavit; or 5) the death of the grandparent who executed this affidavit.

A parent, guardian, or custodian may negate, reverse, or disapprove a grandparent's action or decision only by delivering written notice of negation, reversal, or disapproval to the grandparent and the person acting on the grandparent's action or decision in reliance on this affidavit.

If this affidavit terminates other than by the death of the grandparent, the grandparent who signed this affidavit shall notify, in writing, all of the following:

- a) Any schools, health care providers, or health insurance coverage provider with which the child has been involved through the grandparent;
- b) Any other person or entity that has an ongoing relationship with the child or grandparent such that the person or entity would reasonably rely on the affidavit unless notified of the termination;
- c) The court in which the affidavit was filed after its creation.

The grandparent shall make the notifications not later than one week after the date the affidavit terminates.

6. The decision of a grandparent to consent to or to refuse medical treatment or school enrollment for a child is superseded by a contrary decision of a parent, custodian, or guardian of the child, unless the decision of the parent, guardian, or custodian would jeopardize the life, health, or safety of the child.

Additional information:

To caretakers:

1. If the child stops living with you, you are required to notify, in writing, any school, health care provider or health care insurance provider to which you have given this affidavit. You are also required to notify, in writing, any other person or entity that has an ongoing relationship with you or the child such that the person or entity would reasonably rely on the affidavit unless notified. The notifications must be made not later than one week after the child stops living with you.
2. If you do not have the information requested in item 7 (Ohio driver's license or identification card), provide another form of identification such as your social security number or Medicaid number.
3. You must include the following information with the Caretaker Authorization Form:
 - a) The child's present address, the addresses of the places where the child has lived within the last five years, and the name and present address of each person with whom the child has lived during that period.
 - b) Whether you have participated as a party, a witness, or in any other capacity in any other litigation, in this state or any other state, that concerned the allocation, between the parents of the same child, of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of the child and the designation of the residential parent and legal custodian of the child or that otherwise concerned the custody of the same child;
 - c) Whether you have information of any parenting proceeding concerning the child pending in a court of this or any other state;
 - d) Whether you know of any person who has physical custody of the child or claims to be a parent of the child who is designate the residential parent and legal custodian of the child or to have parenting time rights with respect to the child or to be a person other than a parent of the child who has custody or visitation rights with respect to the child;
 - e) Whether you have previously have been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any criminal offense involving any act that resulted in a child's being an abused child or a neglected child or previously have been determined, in a case in which a child has been adjudicated an abused child or a neglected child, to be the perpetrator of the abusive or neglectful act that was the basis of the adjudication.
4. If the child's parent, guardian, or custodian acts to terminate the caretaker authorization affidavit by delivering a written notice of negation, reversal, or disapproval of an action or decision of yours or removes the child from your home and if you believe that the termination or removal is not in the best interest of the child, you may, within fourteen days, file a complaint in the juvenile court to seek custody. You may retain physical custody of the child until the fourteen-day period elapses or, if you file a complaint, until the court orders otherwise.

To school officials:

1. This affidavit, properly completed and notarized, authorizes the child in question to attend school in the district in which the grandparent who signed this affidavit resides and the grandparent is authorized to provide consent in all school-related matters and to discuss with the school district the child's educational progress. This affidavit does not preclude the parent, guardian, or custodian of the child from having access to all school records pertinent to the child.
2. The school district may require additional reasonable evidence that the grandparent lives at the address provided in item 5 of the affidavit.
3. A school district or school official that reasonably and in good faith relies on this affidavit has no obligation to make any further inquiry or investigation.
4. The act of a parent, guardian, or custodian of the child to negate, reverse, or otherwise disapprove an action or decision of the grandparent who signed this affidavit constitutes termination of this affidavit. A parent, guardian, or custodian may negate, reverse or disapprove a grandparent's action or decision only by delivering written notice of negation, reversal or disapproval to the grandparent and the person acting on the grandparent's action or decision in reliance on this affidavit.

To health care providers:

1. A person or entity that acts in good faith reliance on a CARETAKER AUTHORIZATION AFFIDAVIT to provide medical, psychological or dental treatment, without actual knowledge of facts contrary to those stated in the affidavit, is not subject to criminal liability or to civil liability to any person or entity, and is not subject to professional disciplinary action, solely for such reliance if the applicable portions of the form are completed and the grandparent's signature is notarized.
2. The decision of a grandparent, based on a CARETAKER AUTHORIZATION AFFIDAVIT, shall be honored by a health care facility or practitioner, school district, or school official unless the health care facility or practitioner or education facility or official has actual knowledge that a parent, guardian, or custodian of a child has made a contravening decision to consent to or to refuse medical treatment for the child.
3. The act of a parent, guardian, or custodian of the child to negate, reverse, or otherwise disapprove an action or decision of the grandparent who signed this affidavit constitutes termination of this affidavit. A parent, guardian, or custodian may negate, reverse or disapprove a grandparent's action or decision only by delivering written notice of negation, reversal or disapproval to the grandparent and the person acting on the grandparent's action or decision in reliance on this affidavit.

NEGATION, REVERSAL, OR DISAPPROVAL OF ACTION
UNDER CARETAKER AUTHORIZATION AFFIDAVIT
(To be completed by Parent, Guardian or Custodian)

I am the child's parent, guardian or custodian of the child named below.

1. Name of child: _____
2. Case Number: _____
3. Child's date and year of birth: _____
4. Child's social security number (optional): _____
5. My name: _____
6. My home address: _____
7. My date of birth: _____
8. My Ohio driver's license number or identification card number: _____
9. Pursuant to R.C. 3109.72, I hereby negate, reverse, or disapprove of action taken pursuant to a caretaker authorization affidavit, unless by doing so the life, health, or safety of the child would be jeopardized.

Signature of Parent, Guardian or Custodian

Signature of Parent, Guardian or Custodian

Date

Date

Printed Names of Those Who Executed Original Caretaker Authorization Affidavit

Notice:

This act of negation, reversal, or disapproval terminates the caretaker authorization affidavit as of the date the caretaker returns the child to the parent, guardian or custodian or upon the expiration of fourteen days from the delivery of a written notice of the negation, reversal, or disapproval to the caretaker and to the person responding to the caretaker's action or decision in reliance on the affidavit.

Notice of Termination of Caretaker Authorization Affidavit

In Re: _____

Case Number: _____

Regarding the Child _____

DOB _____ **SSN (optional)** _____

You are hereby notified that the child care authorization affidavit previously granting me the authority to exercise rights regarding the above named child has been terminated effective _____.

Signature of Grandparent / Former Attorney in Fact

Date

PRINTED NAME OF GRANDPARENT: _____

Notice:

Upon termination of the caretaker authorization affidavit, the grandparent shall notify, in writing not later than one week, all of the following:

1. The school district in which the child attends school;
2. The child's health care providers;
3. The child's health insurance coverage provider;
4. The court in which the power of attorney was filed;
5. Any other person or entity that has an ongoing relationship with the child or grandparent such that the person or entity would reasonably rely on the power of attorney unless notified of termination.