

FILING OF A PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS DANE COUNTY

All petitions for termination of parental rights (TPR) are filed with the Court Commissioner Center (Room 2000 Dane County Courthouse). This includes TPR petitions that are accompanied by a petition for adoption.

A TPR petition may be filed by an agency, district attorney, corporation counsel, GAL, attorney or interested person. Parties and/or the child must reside in Dane County.

The petition must:

- Contain the names and addresses of all interested parties.
- State facts and circumstances which support the petition and if filing an involuntary petition, the petition must also include the statutory reference for the grounds of the termination of parental rights.

Discontinuation of support payments is not a valid ground for filing a TPR petition.

Sufficient copies for service on all interested parties must be provided at the time the original petition is filed. A completed Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act Affidavit, Form GF-150, must be filed with the petition.

The mandatory state forms are available here: <http://www.wicourts.gov/forms1/circuit.htm> or as a packet for a small fee at the Dane County Legal Resource Center, Room L1007, Dane County Courthouse.

The forms you will need are:

JC-1630	Petition for Termination of Parental Rights
JC-1633	Summons
JC-1634	Consent to use Mother's Name for Publication
JC-1635	Notice and Order of Hearing (For Publication)
JC-1636	Consent to Termination of Parental Rights (Affidavit)
JC-1637	Consent to Termination of Parental Rights (Judicial)
JC-1638	Order Concerning Termination of Parental Rights (Voluntary)
JC-1639	Order Concerning Termination of Parental Rights (Involuntary)
GF-150	Affidavit of Child Custody Information for Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act