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Instructions and Forms for Child Name Change: One parent filing, other parent will be served.

Warning: The information and forms in this guide are not a substitute for the advice and help of a lawyer. A lawyer is trained to protect your legal rights. Even if you decide to represent yourself, try to talk to a lawyer about your case before filing anything. Visit the [Legal Help Directory](#) and read [Working with a Private Attorney](#) for more information.

These instructions explain the steps to change a child's name if one parent is filing the request, and the other parent will be served. Each step includes a link to the form or forms needed for that step.

As a service to all Texans, the Harris County Law Library combines TexasLawHelp forms and instructions into downloadable PDF packets, which are available at their [Combined TexasLawHelp Forms Packets page](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I can't find the other parent?

If you cannot find the other parent after looking really hard, you must have the other parent served by publication in a local newspaper, on the state's public information web site, or both. You must also hire a lawyer to serve as the other parent's **attorney ad litem**. For more information read this article: **Service by Publication (when you can't find the other parent)**. This process is complicated and can be expensive. If you can't find the other parent, talk with a lawyer before going to the next step.

What if I don't know the identity of the other parent?

If you don't know the identity of the other parent you must have the **unknown parent** served by publication in a newspaper, on the state's service by publication web site, or both. You must also hire a lawyer to serve as the unknown parent's attorney ad litem. This

process is complicated and can be expensive. If you don't know the identity of a parent, talk with a lawyer before going to the next step.

Checklist Steps

□ Step 1: Fill out your court forms.

Fill out these forms:

- **Petition to Change the Name of a Child**. This form asks a judge to change your child's name. You must sign this form under penalty of perjury. This means it is a crime to lie on this form. Print your answers using blue or black ink. Do not leave blanks.

Who is the petitioner?

You are the "petitioner," the person asking the court to change the child's name.

Who must be listed as a respondent in the Petition to Change the Name of a Child?

If you are the child's parent, you must list the other parent as the "respondent." If a nonparent has been named as your child's managing conservator or legal guardian you must also list that person as a "respondent." If you are the child's nonparent managing conservator or legal guardian, you must list both parents as "respondents."

Note: The Petition asks for your address. Each respondent will get a copy of your Petition. If you are concerned about a respondent knowing your address, call the Family Violence Legal Line at 800-374-4673 for free advice.

- **Order Changing the Name of a Child**. You will ask the judge to sign this form to change the child's name. Fill out all blanks except: (1) the

date of judgment, (2) the judge's signature and (3) the judge's name. You must also sign this form.

- **Information on Suit Affecting the Family Relationship**
- **Civil Case Information Sheet** . If you are filing the case in person at the courthouse, you will need this form.
- **Child's Consent to Name Change (For Child Age 10 or Older)** . This form must be signed by your child if your child is 10 years old or older. It tells the judge that your child wants his or her name to be changed. If your child is 10 years old or older, you cannot change your child's name without his or her consent.
- **Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs** . Fill out this additional form if you cannot afford to pay the filing fee for your case. Call the clerk's office in the county where the child lives to learn the filing fee for your case.

Tip: It's a good idea to have a lawyer review your forms after you fill them out. You can hire a lawyer just to review your forms. This is called **limited scope representation** . Use our **Legal Help Directory** tool to search for legal help in your area.

□ **Step 2: Make copies.**

Make enough copies of each of the following forms to have one copy for you and one copy for each respondent:

- your completed Petition to Change the Name of a Child, and
- the child's completed Child's Consent to Name Change (if the child is 10 or older).

Make a copy of your Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs (if you cannot afford the filing fee) for yourself.

You do not need copies of the Civil Case Information Sheet form or the Information on Suit Affecting the Family Relationship form.

You do not need an extra copy of the Order Changing the Name of a Child form at this stage of the case.

Step 3: File (turn in) your Petition and other starting forms.

1. File (turn in) your completed Petition and additional starting forms with the district court clerk (or county court clerk, depending on the specific county) in the county where the child lives.

Note: Check with the clerk of the court in the county where the child lives to learn which court in the county hears name change cases. Depending on the county, name changes may be heard in the district court or county court.

2. Turn in your completed court forms (and copies), except the Order Changing the Name of a Child form. Don't turn in the Order form yet. You will present the Order form to the judge when it is time to finish your case.
3. Tell the clerk you want to have the other parent served in person. This means a sheriff, constable or private process server will deliver the initial court papers to the other parent in person.

Note: If anyone else is listed as a respondent you must have that person served, too, unless they agree to the name change and will sign your proposed Order Changing the Name of a Child and this form:
Respondent's Original Answer form.

4. Pay the filing fee and issuance fee (or file your completed Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs if you cannot afford the court costs).
5. Ask the clerk if there is a local **standing order** that you need to follow or attach to any of your documents.
6. Ask the clerk if there are local rules you need to know about for your case.
7. The clerk will "file-stamp" your copies with the date and time. The clerk will keep the original and give one copy back to you.

8. The clerk will print a form called a “citation.” The citation tells the other parent that you have filed a child name change case. The citation also tells the other parent that unless he or she files an answer with the court you will be able to finish your case by default—without the other parent. The clerk will attach a copy of your Petition to Change the Name of a Child to the citation. The citation with a copy of your Petition attached are the initial court papers that must be served on the other parent by a constable, sheriff or private process server. Read Step 4 for further instructions.

Step 4: Arrange for the other parent to be “served” with the initial court papers.

It is your responsibility to arrange for the other parent to be served with the initial court papers by a constable, sheriff, or private process server. You cannot serve the initial court papers yourself.

What are the initial court papers? The initial court papers include the citation you got at the clerk’s office with a copy of your Petition attached.

1. Send the initial court papers to a constable, sheriff, or private process server in the county where the other parent can be served.
2. Include the service fee or a file-stamped copy of your Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs. (Call first to learn the fee.) Also, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
3. The constable, sheriff or private process server will deliver the initial court papers to the other parent in person. The constable, sheriff or private process server will fill out a form called a Return of Service. It tells the court when and where the other parent was served. The completed Return of Service is proof the other parent was served. The other parent will not have to sign anything.
4. The Return of Service must be filed with the court. The constable, sheriff or private process server may file it themselves or they may give the completed Return of Service form to you. If they give it to you, make a copy and file the original at the courthouse. It must be on file for at least 10 days before you can finish your case, not counting the day it is filed or the day you go to court to finish your case.

Having trouble serving the other parent? Read [How to Serve the Initial Court Papers \(Family Law\)](#). You can also use [Ask a Question](#) to chat with a law student or lawyer online.

□ **Step 5: Wait the required waiting periods.**

Wait the following required waiting periods:

- **20+ day waiting period:** From the day the other parent is served, the other parent must have at least 20 days plus the next Monday at 10 a.m. to file an answer with the court.

Find the day the other parent was served on a calendar, count out 20 more days, then go to the next Monday. This is the last day of the other parent's answer period. However, if the other parent files an answer at any time before you finish your case it will still count.

- **10+ day waiting period:** The constable, sheriff, or private process server should have completed a Return of Service form stating when the other parent was served.

The Return of Service form must be on file with the court for at least 10 days before you can finish your case.

Important: When counting the 10-day waiting period, do not count the day the Return of Service is filed with the court, and do not count the day you go to court to finish your case.

□ **Step 6: Can you finish by default?**

Call the clerk's office to find out if the other parent filed an answer. If the other parent filed an answer, you cannot finish your case by default.

- If the other parent filed an answer and will now agree to sign your completed proposed Order Changing the Name of a Child form, you can finish your case by agreement.
- If the other parent filed an answer and will not agree to sign your completed Order Changing the Name of a Child form, your case is contested. To finish a contested case, you must set a contested final hearing. You must give the other parent at least 45 days' notice of the final

hearing. If there are other respondents they must also receive this notice. Read this article to learn more: **How to Set a Contested Final Hearing (Family Law)**. Remember: It's always best to have a lawyer if your case is contested.

If the other parent hasn't filed an answer, you may be able to finish your case without them (by default)—but only if all of the following are true:

- The other parent was properly served by a constable, sheriff, or private process server.
- A Return of Service form (that shows when and where the other parent was served) has been on file with the court for at least 10 days—not counting the day it was filed or the day you go to court.
- At least 20 days plus the next Monday have passed since the other parent was served.
- The other parent has not filed an answer, and does not file one before you finish your case. (Keep in mind: the other parent can still file an answer at any time before your case is finished—even after the 20+ days have passed.)
- If anyone else was named as a respondent in your case:
 - They were also served and did not file an answer, or
 - They signed both a Respondent's Original Answer form and your Order Changing the Name of a Child form to show they agree.

If all of the above are true and you can finish your case by default, fill out these additional forms and make one copy of each form:

- **Certificate of Last Known Mailing Address**
- **Military Status Declaration**
- If your case is in Harris County, fill out a **Military Status Affidavit** instead of a Military Status Declaration. Sign it in front of a notary.)

1. **CHANGE IN LAW!** In family law cases filed after September 1, 2023, you no longer need to exchange the previously mandatory

Required Initial Disclosures.

2. If your case was filed before September 1, 2023, after a party to a family law case (like a name change) files an answer, both sides are obligated to exchange certain information and documents within 30 days.
3. The form is here: **Required Initial Disclosures in SAPCRs and Modifications**.
4. See **Rule 11 Agreements** for information (and forms) about one way to waive required disclosures by agreement.

☐ Step 7: Get ready for court.

If you can finish your case by default, call the clerk's office to find out when and where the court hears uncontested child name change cases.

Call the clerk's office again the day before you plan to go to court to make sure the other parent has still not filed an answer. If the other parent has filed an answer, you cannot finish your case by default. Go back to Step 6.

Read **Tips for the Courtroom** for more information about going to court.

☐ Step 8: Go to court to finish your case.

Bring the following documents with you to the courthouse on the day you plan to finish your case:

- proposed Order Changing the Name of a Child,
- a file-stamped copy of the Petition to Change the Name of a Child,
- a file-stamped copy of the Child's Consent to Name Change (if applicable),
- a file-stamped copy of the Return of Service form showing when and where the other parent was served,
- a completed Certificate of Last Known Mailing Address form, and

- if you are not the child's parent, a copy of the court order naming you as the child's managing conservator or legal guardian.

When you get to the courthouse, go to the clerk's office.

- Ask the clerk if you need the court file or docket sheet (list of what has been filed in your case).
- Ask the clerk to check one more time to see if the other parent has filed an answer. If the other parent has filed an answer, you cannot finish your case by default. Go back to Step 6.
- File the Certificate of Last Known Mailing Address and the Military Status Declaration (or Military Status Affidavit). Ask the clerk to file stamp your copy of each form. Bring a file-stamped copy of each form with you to court.

When you get to the courtroom, tell the judge's clerk or coordinator that you are there. Sit down until the judge calls your case.

When the judge calls your case:

1. Walk to the front of the courtroom, and stand in front of the judge's bench.
2. The judge will have you raise your right hand and swear to tell the truth.
3. Tell the judge your name and whether you are the child's parent or the child's nonparent managing conservator or legal guardian.
4. Tell the judge you are asking that the child's name be changed.
5. Be prepared to quickly tell the judge why you think changing the child's name is in the child's **best interest**.
6. The judge will listen to what you say, and review your papers.

If everything is in order, and the judge agrees that changing the child's name would be in your child's best interest, then the judge will sign the Order Changing the Name of a Child.

□ Step 9: File the signed Order with the clerk.

After the judge signs your Order Changing the Name of a Child, go back to the clerk's office. File (turn in) the signed Order Changing the Name of a Child. Your case is NOT final until you do so.

1. Get several certified copies of the Order from the clerk. You must pay a small fee for each certified copy.
2. You will need certified copies of the Order to change the child's name on the child's social security card, birth certificate, passport, school records, etc.
3. Each agency will want a certified copy of the Order to keep.
4. You will also want a certified copy of the Order for your records.

□ Step 10: After your case is finished.

You are responsible for notifying the appropriate agencies of your child's new name.

1. To change your child's social security card, contact your local **Social Security Administration** (SSA) office.
2. To change your child's Texas birth certificate, contact the Texas Department of State Health Services–Vital Statistics Unit. Read the Bureau's **Requirements for Requesting/Changing Vital Records page**, which explains birth certificate amendments and includes paperwork for requesting corrections and amendments.

If your child was born in another state, contact the vital statistics office in that state.

3. Contact the **U.S. State Department** to change the name on the child's passport.
4. To change your child's school records, take a certified copy of the Order to your child's school.

Forms Required

Petition to Change the Name of a Child [Filed by One Parent]

Order Changing the Name of a Child [Filed by One Parent]

Civil Case Information Sheet

Information on Suit Affecting the Family Relationship (Excluding Adoptions)

Child's Consent to Name Change

Fee Waiver (Bilingual) - Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs or an Appeal Bond

Respondent's Answer [Child Name Change]

Certificate of Last Known Mailing Address

Military Status Affidavit

Military Status Declaration

Required Initial Disclosures - SAPCR or Modification (cases filed BEFORE September 1, 2023)

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Name Change Checklist

Some places to contact after you have changed your name:

- 1. Social Security**
- 2. Motor-vehicle agency**
- 3. Passport agency**
- 4. Financial services, including banks, credit cards, retirement plans, and insurance companies**
- 5. Utilities and phone company**
- 6. Medical services, including doctor, dentist, and health plan**
- 7. Voter registration**
- 8. Employer**
- 9. Estate lawyer, for will and other estate planning documents**
- 10. Schools and alumni groups**
- 11. Airlines and frequent-flier miles**
- 12. Family and friends**

Cause Number: _____

In the Matter of the Name Change of:

In the _____

☐ District Court ☐ County Court at Law

(Print the child's current name - first, middle, last.)

County, Texas

A Child or Children

Petition to Change the Name of a Child or Children

1. Discovery Level

The discovery level in this case, if needed, is Level 2.

2. Petitioner

My name is: _____
First Middle Last

I am the **Petitioner**, the person asking the Court to change the name of a child.

The last three numbers of Petitioner's driver's license number are: _____.

Petitioner's driver's license was issued in (state) _____.

Or ☐ I do not have a driver's license.

The last three numbers of my social security number are: _____.

Or ☐ I do not have a social security number.

I am the child's: (Check one.)

☐ Nonparent Managing Conservator or

☐ Legal Guardian.

3. Respondent A – Child's Parent (Check a or b.)

a. ☐ Respondent A is the child's parent. The child's parent's name is:

Print full name of the child's parent.

Respondent A (the child's parent) is the child's:

(Check one.)

☐ Managing Conservator

☐ Possessory Conservator

☐ Neither. No conservatorship order is in place between the parent and the child.

(Check one.)

☐ I think Respondent A will sign a Waiver of Service (or Answer).

☐ I will have a sheriff, constable, process server, or clerk serve Respondent A with this Petition to Change the Name of a Child at this address:

Street Address

City

State

Zip

If this is a work address, name of business: _____

I ask the clerk to issue Citation of Service (the form necessary to provide legal notice to Respondent A by "Official Service of Process"). I understand that I will need to pay the fee (or file a Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs form to show the Court that I am unable to pay the fee) and arrange for service.

- ☐ I cannot find Respondent A. I ask that Respondent A be served by publication. I understand I must file an Affidavit for Citation by Publication and hire a lawyer to serve as attorney ad litem for Respondent A.

- b. ☐ There is no Respondent A because: *(Check one.)*

- ☐ the child's parent is dead. *(Attach a copy of the death certificate.)*
☐ the child's parent's parental rights have been terminated by court order. *(Attach a copy of the court order of termination.)*

4. Respondent B – Child's Parent *(Check a or b.)*

- a. ☐ Respondent B is the child's parent. The child's parent's name is:

Print full name of the child's parent.

Respondent B (the child's parent) is the child's:

(Check one.)

- ☐ Managing Conservator
☐ Possessory Conservator
☐ Neither. No conservatorship order is in place between the parent and the child.

(Check one.)

- ☐ I think Respondent B will sign a Waiver of Service (or Answer).
☐ I will have a sheriff, constable, process server, or clerk serve Respondent B with this Petition to Change the Name of a Child at this address:

Street Address

City

State

Zip

If this is a work address, name of business: _____

I ask the clerk to issue Citation of Service (the form necessary to provide legal notice to Respondent B by "Official Service of Process"). I understand that I will need to pay the fee (or file a Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs form to show the Court that I am unable to pay the fee) and arrange for service.

- ☐ I cannot find Respondent B. I ask that Respondent B be served by publication. I understand I must file an Affidavit for Citation by Publication and hire a lawyer to serve as attorney ad litem for Respondent B.

- b. ☐ There is no Respondent B because: *(Check one.)*

- ☐ the child's parent is dead. *(Attach a copy of the death certificate.)*
☐ the child's parent's parental rights have been terminated by court order. *(Attach a copy of the court order of termination.)*

5. Respondent C – Other Person with Legal Relationship *(Check a or b.)*

- a. ☐ Respondent C's name is: _____

Print Respondent C's full name.

Respondent C is the child's *(Check one.)*

- ☐ Nonparent Managing Conservator or

☐ Legal Guardian

(Check one.)

☐ I think Respondent C will sign a Waiver of Service (or Answer).

☐ I will have a sheriff, constable, process server, or clerk serve Respondent C with this Petition to Change the Name of a Child at this address:

Street Address

City

State

Zip

I ask the clerk to issue Citation of Service (the form necessary to provide legal notice to Respondent C by "Official Service of Process"). I understand that I will need to pay the fee (or file a Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs form to show the Court that I am unable to pay the fee) and arrange for service.

☐ I cannot find Respondent C. I ask that Respondent C be served by publication. I understand I must file an Affidavit for Citation by Publication and hire a lawyer to serve as attorney ad litem for Respondent C.

b. ☐ There is no Respondent C. No other person has a legal relationship with the child.

6. Respondent D – Other Person with Legal Relationship (Check a or b.)

a. ☐ Respondent D's name is: _____
Print Respondent C's full name.

Respondent D is the child's (Check one.)

☐ Nonparent Managing Conservator or

☐ Legal Guardian

(Check one.)

☐ I think Respondent D will sign a Waiver of Service (or Answer).

☐ I will have a sheriff, constable, process server, or clerk serve Respondent D with this Petition to Change the Name of a Child at this address:

Street Address

City

State

Zip

I ask the clerk to issue Citation of Service (the form necessary to provide legal notice to Respondent D by "Official Service of Process"). I understand that I will need to pay the fee (or file a Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs form to show the Court that I am unable to pay the fee) and arrange for service.

☐ I cannot find Respondent D. I ask that Respondent D be served by publication. I understand I must file an Affidavit for Citation by Publication and hire a lawyer to serve as attorney ad litem for Respondent D.

b. ☐ There is no Respondent D. No other person has a legal relationship with the child.

7. Respondent E – Other Person with Legal Relationship (Check a or b.)

a. ☐ Respondent E's name is: _____
Print Respondent C's full name.

Respondent E is the child's (Check one.)

☐ Nonparent Managing Conservator or

☐ Legal Guardian

(Check one.)

☐ I think Respondent E will sign a Waiver of Service (or Answer).

☐ I will have a sheriff, constable, process server, or clerk serve Respondent E with this Petition to Change the Name of a Child at this address:

Street Address

City

State

Zip

I ask the clerk to issue Citation of Service (the form necessary to provide legal notice to Respondent E by "Official Service of Process"). I understand that I will need to pay the fee (or file a Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs form to show the Court that I am unable to pay the fee) and arrange for service.

☐ I cannot find Respondent E. I ask that Respondent E be served by publication. I understand I must file an Affidavit for Citation by Publication and hire a lawyer to serve as attorney ad litem for Respondent E.

- b. ☐ There is no Respondent E. No other person has a legal relationship with the child.
No other person has a legal relationship with the child.

8. Child's Information

The child's information is as follows:

a. Child's Current name: _____
First Middle Last

b. Home Address: _____ County: _____

c. Social Security #: _____ - _____ - _____ or ☐ The child does not have a Social Security #.

d. Birth date: _____
Month / Day / Year

e. Place of birth: _____
City State Country

f. Consent by Child (*Check one.*)

- ☐ Child is younger than 10 years old. Consent is not required.
☐ Child is 10 years old or older and has consented in writing to this name change.

g. Sex Offender Registration (*Check one.*)

- ☐ The child **is not** required to register as a sex offender.
☐ The child **is** required to register as a sex offender. Proof that the child has notified local law enforcement of the proposed name change is attached to this Petition. The requested name change is in the best interest of the public.

h. Are there any court orders about the child already in place? (*Check one.*)

- ☐ There are no court orders regarding the child.
☐ A court made orders involving the child in the following case:

Case/Cause Number _____ in _____
County State

Case type: _____
Print the case type (custody, support, divorce, paternity, etc.)

9. Name Change Request

a. Petitioner and Co-Petitioner ask the Court to change the child's name to:

Child #1: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____
Child #2: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____
Child #3: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____
Child #4: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____
Child #5: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

b. I want to change the child's name because:

c. I believe the requested name change is in the child's best interest.

☐ Check box and add Additional Child Exhibit page(s) if applicable.

10. Request for Judgment

I ask the Court to order the child's name changed as requested above. I ask for general relief.

Respectfully submitted,



Your Signature

Date

Your Printed Name

Phone

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Email Address:

*Fax #
(if any)*

11. Petitioner's Declaration Under Penalty of Perjury

My name is: _____ . My date of birth is _____ .

My address is: _____ .

My email address is _____ . My phone number is: _____ .

I declare under penalty of perjury that all information in this Petition to Change the Name of a Child is true and correct.

Completed and formally signed on _____ in _____ County,



Your Signature

Additional Child Exhibit (for Child # 2)

*If you are asking to change the name of more than one child, fill out and attach this form to your "Petition to Change the Name of Child or Children." Fill out one form for **each** additional child.*

- a. Child's Current name: _____
First Middle Last
- b. Home Address: _____ County: _____
- c. Social Security #: _____ - _____ - _____ **or** ☐ The child does not have a Social Security #.
- d. Birth date: _____
Month / Day / Year
- e. Place of birth: _____
City State Country
- f. Consent by Child (*Check one.*)
☐ Child is younger than 10 years old. Consent is not required.
☐ Child is 10 years old or older and has consented in writing to this name change.
- g. Sex Offender Registration (*Check one.*)
☐ The child **is not** required to register as a sex offender.
☐ The child **is** required to register as a sex offender. Proof that the child has notified local law enforcement of the proposed name change is attached to this Petition. The requested name change is in the best interest of the public.
- h. Are there any court orders about the child already in place? (*Check one.*)
☐ There are no court orders regarding the child.
☐ A court made orders involving the child in the following case:
Case/Cause Number _____ in _____
County State
Case type: _____
Print the case type (custody, support, divorce, paternity, etc.)
- i. Petitioner and Co-Petitioner ask the Court to change the child's name to:

First Middle Last
- j. Petitioner and Co-Petitioner want to change the child's name because:

- k. Petitioner and Co-Petitioner believe the requested name change is in the child's best interest.

Additional Child Exhibit (for Child # 3)

*If you are asking to change the name of more than one child, fill out and attach this form to your "Petition to Change the Name of Child or Children." Fill out one form for **each** additional child.*

- a. Child's Current name: _____
First Middle Last
- b. Home Address: _____ County: _____
- c. Social Security #: _____ - _____ - _____ **or** ☐ The child does not have a Social Security #.
- d. Birth date: _____
Month / Day / Year
- e. Place of birth: _____
City State Country
- f. Consent by Child (*Check one.*)
☐ Child is younger than 10 years old. Consent is not required.
☐ Child is 10 years old or older and has consented in writing to this name change.
- g. Sex Offender Registration (*Check one.*)
☐ The child **is not** required to register as a sex offender.
☐ The child **is** required to register as a sex offender. Proof that the child has notified local law enforcement of the proposed name change is attached to this Petition. The requested name change is in the best interest of the public.
- h. Are there any court orders about the child already in place? (*Check one.*)
☐ There are no court orders regarding the child.
☐ A court made orders involving the child in the following case:
Case/Cause Number _____ in _____
County State
Case type: _____
Print the case type (custody, support, divorce, paternity, etc.)
- i. Petitioner and Co-Petitioner ask the Court to change the child's name to:

First Middle Last
- j. Petitioner and Co-Petitioner want to change the child's name because:

- k. Petitioner and Co-Petitioner believe the requested name change is in the child's best interest.

Additional Child Exhibit (for Child # 4)

*If you are asking to change the name of more than one child, fill out and attach this form to your "Petition to Change the Name of Child or Children." Fill out one form for **each** additional child.*

- a. Child's Current name: _____
First Middle Last
- b. Home Address: _____ County: _____
- c. Social Security #: _____ - _____ - _____ **or** ☐ The child does not have a Social Security #.
- d. Birth date: _____
Month / Day / Year
- e. Place of birth: _____
City State Country
- f. Consent by Child (*Check one.*)
☐ Child is younger than 10 years old. Consent is not required.
☐ Child is 10 years old or older and has consented in writing to this name change.
- g. Sex Offender Registration (*Check one.*)
☐ The child **is not** required to register as a sex offender.
☐ The child **is** required to register as a sex offender. Proof that the child has notified local law enforcement of the proposed name change is attached to this Petition. The requested name change is in the best interest of the public.
- h. Are there any court orders about the child already in place? (*Check one.*)
☐ There are no court orders regarding the child.
☐ A court made orders involving the child in the following case:
Case/Cause Number _____ in _____
County State
Case type: _____
Print the case type (custody, support, divorce, paternity, etc.)
- i. Petitioner and Co-Petitioner ask the Court to change the child's name to:

First Middle Last
- j. Petitioner and Co-Petitioner want to change the child's name because:

- k. Petitioner and Co-Petitioner believe the requested name change is in the child's best interest.

Additional Child Exhibit (for Child # 5)

If you are asking to change the name of more than one child, fill out and attach this form to your "Petition to Change the Name of Child or Children." Fill out one form for **each** additional child.

- a. Child's Current name: _____
First Middle Last
- b. Home Address: _____ County: _____
- c. Social Security #: _____ - _____ - _____ or ☐ The child does not have a Social Security #.
- d. Birth date: _____
Month / Day / Year
- e. Place of birth: _____
City State Country
- f. Consent by Child (Check one.)
☐ Child is younger than 10 years old. Consent is not required.
☐ Child is 10 years old or older and has consented in writing to this name change.
- g. Sex Offender Registration (Check one.)
☐ The child **is not** required to register as a sex offender.
☐ The child **is** required to register as a sex offender. Proof that the child has notified local law enforcement of the proposed name change is attached to this Petition. The requested name change is in the best interest of the public.
- h. Are there any court orders about the child already in place? (Check one.)
☐ There are no court orders regarding the child.
☐ A court made orders involving the child in the following case:
Case/Cause Number _____ in _____
County State
Case type: _____
Print the case type (custody, support, divorce, paternity, etc.)
- i. Petitioner and Co-Petitioner ask the Court to change the child's name to:

First Middle Last
- j. Petitioner and Co-Petitioner want to change the child's name because:

- k. Petitioner and Co-Petitioner believe the requested name change is in the child's best interest.

Cause Number: _____

In the Matter of the Name Change of:

In the _____

☐ District Court ☐ County Court at Law

Print the child's current name - first, middle, last.

County, Texas

A Child

Child's Consent to Name Change (For Child Age 10 or Older)

Print your answers

1. My name is _____
first middle last

2. My age is _____

3. The name change is for me.

4. I want my name changed to

First middle last

Child **prints** his/her current name here: _____



Child **signs** here _____

Date the child signed

Cause Number: _____

In the Matter of the Name Change of:

In the _____

☐ District Court ☐ County Court at Law

Print the child's current name - first, middle, last.

County, Texas

A Child

Child's Consent to Name Change (For Child Age 10 or Older)

Print your answers

1. My name is _____
first middle last

2. My age is _____

3. The name change is for me.

4. I want my name changed to

First middle last

Child **prints** his/her current name here: _____



Child **signs** here

Date the child signed

NO. _____

IN THE INTEREST OF

_____ AND

CHILDREN

§
§
§
§
§

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON
ORIGINAL PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF CHILD**

Take notice that the Petitioner's Petition for Change of Name of Child is set for hearing on the

_____ day of _____, 20____, at _____ (time) in the _____

(Court designation) Judicial District Court in the Russell A. Steindam Courts Building, 2100

Bloomdale Road, McKinney, Collin County, Texas 75071.

SIGNED this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

JUDGE PRESIDING

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true copy of the Notice of Hearing on Original Petition for Change of name of Child has this day been:

_____ delivered by courier with receipted delivery
_____ sent by certified mail, return receipt requested
_____ sent via facsimile with confirmation

To:

_____ [name of other party] at:

_____ [address of
other party].

On this _____ day of _____.

[Signature]

[Typed or Printed Name]

[Address and Telephone No.]

[E-mail Address]

IN THE MATTER OF THE
NAME CHANGE OF:

_____,
A Child or Children

§ IN THE DISTRICT COURT
§
§ _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT
§
§ COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS

**RESPONDENT'S WAIVER OF SERVICE ONLY (Specific Waiver)
(Changing the Name of a Child or Children)**

_____ (*name of Respondent*) appeared in person before
me today and stated under oath:

"I, _____, (*name of Respondent*) am the person named as
Respondent in this case.

"I acknowledge that I have been provided a copy of Petition to Change the Name of a
Child or Children filed in this case. I have read and understand the contents of that document.

"I understand that the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure require, in most instances, that a
party or respondent be served with citation. I do not want to be served with citation, and I waive
the issuance and service of citation.

"I ask that the Court not enter any orders in this case unless the order is signed by me or
unless I have received prior written notice of the date, time, and place of hearing."

"I enter my appearance in this case for all purposes. I agree that a Judge or Associate
Judge in the county and state where this case is filed may make decisions about the Name
Change of Child or Children, even if the Name Change of Child or Children should have been
filed in another county.

"I waive the making of a record of testimony in this case.

"Insofar as this suit is concerned, I waive all rights, privileges, and exemptions existing or that may hereafter exist in my favor under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, including the appointment of counsel to represent me in this case.

"I further state that the following information is correct and that my-

Mailing address is: _____

Telephone number is: _____

Email address is: _____

Phone number is: _____

Social Security number is: last three digits _____

Driver's license number and issuing state are: last three digits _____,

_____ (*issuing state*)

(*Signature of Respondent*)

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF _____

SIGNED under oath before me on _____ (date) by
_____ (Affiant's name).

Notary Public, State of Texas

Cause Number: _____

In the Matter of the Name Change of:

In the _____

☐ District Court ☐ County Court at Law

(Print the child's current name - first, middle, last.)

County, Texas

A Child or Children

Respondent's Answer

INSTRUCTIONS to Respondent: If you decide to use this form:

- Do not sign it until **at least one day after** the *Petition to change the Name of a Child* has been filed (turned in to the court). The child's parent (the Petitioner) should have given you a copy of the *Petition to Change the Name of a Child*. The official court stamp on your copy will tell you when it was filed.
- Fill out this form completely.
- File (turn in) the original signed form to the court where the Petitioner filed the *Petition to Change the Name of a Child*. Keep a copy for your records. Give a copy to the Petitioner.
- Get additional information about child name changes at www.TexasLawHelp.org.

My name is: _____
Print First Middle Last

I am the **Respondent** in this case to change the name of a child.

The last three numbers of my Social Security # are _____. Or ☐ I don't have a Social Security #.

The last three numbers of my driver's license are _____. Or ☐ I don't have a driver's license #.

I am a Respondent in this case to change the name of a child.

1. General Denial

I enter a general denial. I want to be notified of all hearings in this case.

However, if the Petitioner and I reach an agreement and I sign an agreed Order Changing the Name of a Child, I agree that the Judge can enter the Order and finalize this case without my getting notice of the hearing and without my coming to Court.

2. Contact Information

My phone number is:

My mailing address is: _____
Print Mailing Address City State Zip

My email address is: _____

My phone number is: (_____) _____

I understand I *must* notify the Court and Petitioner's lawyer (or Petitioner if Petitioner does not have a lawyer), the other Respondents' lawyers (or the Respondent if she or he does not have a lawyer), in writing, if my mailing address or email address changes during this case.

I understand that, unless I provide notice of changes in my mailing address and email address, all information about this case, including the date and time of hearings, will be sent to me at the mailing address or email address on this form.

3. Request for Relief

I ask the Court for general relief.

→

Respondent's Signature

Date

4. Certificate of Service

I will give a copy of this document to the each party or attorney of record on the same day this document is filed with (turned in to) the Court as required by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

→

Respondent's Signature

Date

Cause Number: _____

In the Matter of the Name Change of:

In the _____

☐ District Court ☐ County Court at Law
_____ County, Texas

(Print the child's current name - first, middle, last.)

A Child or Children

Order Changing the Name of a Child or Children

A hearing took place on (date) _____.

1. Appearances

Petitioner

Petitioner's name is: _____

Petitioner is the child's parent.

Petitioner was present, representing him/herself, and announced ready.

Respondent A – Other Parent *(Check a or b.)*

a. ☐ Respondent A's name is: _____

Respondent A is the child's other parent.

(Check one.)

- ☐ Respondent A **was present**, representing him/herself, and announced ready.
- ☐ Respondent A **was not present**, but filed an Answer or Waiver of Service and has signed below agreeing to the terms of this Order.
- ☐ Respondent A **was not present**, but was served and has defaulted.

b. ☐ There is no Respondent A because: *(Check one.)*

- ☐ the child's other parent is dead. A copy of the other parent's death certificate is attached to this Order as Exhibit A.
- ☐ the child's other parent's parental rights have been terminated by court order. A copy of the court order of termination is attached to this Order as Exhibit A.

Respondent B – Other Person with Legal Relationship with Child *(Check a or b.)*

a. ☐ Respondent B's name is: _____

Respondent B is the child's: *(Check one.)*

- ☐ Nonparent Managing Conservator
- ☐ Legal Guardian

(Check one.)

- ☐ Respondent B **was present**, representing him/herself, and announced ready.
- ☐ Respondent B **was not present**, but filed an Answer or Waiver of Service and has signed below agreeing to the terms of this Order.

- ☐ Respondent B was **not present**, but was served and has defaulted.
- b. ☐ There is no Respondent B. No other person has a legal relationship with the child.

Respondent C – Other Person with Legal Relationship with Child *(Check a or b.)*

- a. ☐ Respondent C's name is: _____

Respondent C is the child's: *(Check one.)*

☐ Nonparent Managing Conservator

☐ Legal Guardian

(Check one.)

☐ Respondent C **was present**, representing him/herself, and announced ready.

☐ Respondent C was **not present**, but filed an Answer or Waiver of Service and has signed below agreeing to the terms of this Order.

☐ Respondent C was **not present**, but was served and has defaulted.

- b. ☐ There is no Respondent C. No other person has a legal relationship with the child.

2. Record *(The Court fills out this section.)*

☐ A Court reporter recorded today's hearing.

☐ A Court reporter did not record today's hearing because the parties and judge agreed not to make a record.

3. Jurisdiction

The Court finds that it has jurisdiction over this case and the child and that all persons entitled to citation were properly cited.

4. Findings

The Court finds that:

a. The child's current name is: _____
First Middle Last

b. The child was a resident of this county at the time this case was filed.

c. The child's birth date is: _____
Month / Day / Year

d. The child's place of birth is _____
City State Country

e. The child's social security # is: _____ **or** ☐ The child does not have a social security number.

f. Consent by Child *(Check one.)*

☐ The child is younger than 10 years old. Consent is not required.

☐ The child is 10 years old or older and has consented in writing to this name change.

g. Sex Offender Registration (*Check one.*)

- ☐ The child **is not** required to register as a sex offender.
- ☐ The child **is** required to register as a sex offender. Petitioner attached proof to the Petition that the child notified local law enforcement of the proposed name change. The requested name change is in the best interest of the public.

h. Court of Continuing Exclusive Jurisdiction (*Check one.*)

- ☐ There are no court orders regarding the child.
- ☐ A court made orders involving the child in the following case:

Case Number _____ County _____ State _____ Case type (custody, support, divorce etc.) _____

i. The requested name change is in the best interest of the child.

- ☐ Check box and add Additional Child Exhibit page(s) if applicable.

5. Orders

The Court **ORDERS** that the child's name is changed

Child #1: from this name:	First _____	Middle _____	Last _____
To this name:	First _____	Middle _____	Last _____
Child #2: from this name:	First _____	Middle _____	Last _____
To this name:	First _____	Middle _____	Last _____
Child #3: from this name:	First _____	Middle _____	Last _____
To this name:	First _____	Middle _____	Last _____
Child #4: from this name:	First _____	Middle _____	Last _____
To this name:	First _____	Middle _____	Last _____
Child #5 from this name:	First _____	Middle _____	Last _____
To this name:	First _____	Middle _____	Last _____

Any orders requested that do not appear above are denied. This is a final order.

Date of Judgment

Judge Presiding

BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE TO THE FORM AND SUBSTANCE OF THIS ORDER CHANGING THE NAME OF A CHILD OR CHILDREN.

Petitioner's Signature

Respondent A's Signature

Respondent B's Signature

Respondent C's Signature

Additional Child Exhibit (for Child # 2)

*If you are asking to change the name of more than one child, fill out and attach this form to your "Petition to Change the Name of Child or Children." Fill out one form for **each** additional child.*

a. Child's Current name: _____
First Middle Last

b. Home Address: _____ County: _____

c. Social Security #: _____ - _____ - _____ **or** ☐ The child does not have a Social Security #.

d. Birth date: _____
Month / Day / Year

e. Place of birth: _____
City State Country

f. Consent by Child (*Check one.*)

☐ Child is younger than 10 years old. Consent is not required.

☐ Child is 10 years old or older and has consented in writing to this name change.

g. Sex Offender Registration (*Check one.*)

☐ The child **is not** required to register as a sex offender.

☐ The child **is** required to register as a sex offender. Proof that the child has notified local law enforcement of the proposed name change is attached to this Petition. The requested name change is in the best interest of the public.

h. Are there any court orders about the child already in place? (*Check one.*)

☐ There are no court orders regarding the child.

☐ A court made orders involving the child in the following case:

Case/Cause Number _____ in _____
County State

Case type: _____
Print the case type (custody, support, divorce, paternity, etc.)

i. Petitioner and Co-Petitioner ask the Court to change the child's name to:

First Middle Last

j. Petitioner and Co-Petitioner want to change the child's name because:

k. Petitioner and Co-Petitioner believe the requested name change is in the child's best interest.

Additional Child Exhibit (for Child # 3)

*If you are asking to change the name of more than one child, fill out and attach this form to your "Petition to Change the Name of Child or Children." Fill out one form for **each** additional child.*

- a. Child's Current name: _____
First Middle Last
- b. Home Address: _____ County: _____
- c. Social Security #: _____ - _____ - _____ **or** ☐ The child does not have a Social Security #.
- d. Birth date: _____
Month / Day / Year
- e. Place of birth: _____
City State Country
- f. Consent by Child (*Check one.*)
☐ Child is younger than 10 years old. Consent is not required.
☐ Child is 10 years old or older and has consented in writing to this name change.
- g. Sex Offender Registration (*Check one.*)
☐ The child **is not** required to register as a sex offender.
☐ The child **is** required to register as a sex offender. Proof that the child has notified local law enforcement of the proposed name change is attached to this Petition. The requested name change is in the best interest of the public.
- h. Are there any court orders about the child already in place? (*Check one.*)
☐ There are no court orders regarding the child.
☐ A court made orders involving the child in the following case:
Case/Cause Number _____ in _____
County State
Case type: _____
Print the case type (custody, support, divorce, paternity, etc.)
- i. Petitioner and Co-Petitioner ask the Court to change the child's name to:

First Middle Last
- j. Petitioner and Co-Petitioner want to change the child's name because:

- k. Petitioner and Co-Petitioner believe the requested name change is in the child's best interest.

Additional Child Exhibit (for Child # 4)

*If you are asking to change the name of more than one child, fill out and attach this form to your "Petition to Change the Name of Child or Children." Fill out one form for **each** additional child.*

- a. Child's Current name: _____
First Middle Last
- b. Home Address: _____ County: _____
- c. Social Security #: _____ - _____ - _____ **or** ☐ The child does not have a Social Security #.
- d. Birth date: _____
Month / Day / Year
- e. Place of birth: _____
City State Country
- f. Consent by Child (Check one.)
☐ Child is younger than 10 years old. Consent is not required.
☐ Child is 10 years old or older and has consented in writing to this name change.
- g. Sex Offender Registration (Check one.)
☐ The child **is not** required to register as a sex offender.
☐ The child **is** required to register as a sex offender. Proof that the child has notified local law enforcement of the proposed name change is attached to this Petition. The requested name change is in the best interest of the public.
- h. Are there any court orders about the child already in place? (Check one.)
☐ There are no court orders regarding the child.
☐ A court made orders involving the child in the following case:
Case/Cause Number _____ in _____
County State
Case type: _____
Print the case type (custody, support, divorce, paternity, etc.)
- i. Petitioner and Co-Petitioner ask the Court to change the child's name to:

First Middle Last
- j. Petitioner and Co-Petitioner want to change the child's name because:

- k. Petitioner and Co-Petitioner believe the requested name change is in the child's best interest.

Additional Child Exhibit (for Child # 5)

If you are asking to change the name of more than one child, fill out and attach this form to your "Petition to Change the Name of Child or Children." Fill out one form for **each** additional child.

- a. Child's Current name: _____
First Middle Last
- b. Home Address: _____ County: _____
- c. Social Security #: _____ - _____ - _____ **or** ☐ The child does not have a Social Security #.
- d. Birth date: _____
Month / Day / Year
- e. Place of birth: _____
City State Country
- f. Consent by Child (Check one.)
☐ Child is younger than 10 years old. Consent is not required.
☐ Child is 10 years old or older and has consented in writing to this name change.
- g. Sex Offender Registration (Check one.)
☐ The child **is not** required to register as a sex offender.
☐ The child **is** required to register as a sex offender. Proof that the child has notified local law enforcement of the proposed name change is attached to this Petition. The requested name change is in the best interest of the public.
- h. Are there any court orders about the child already in place? (Check one.)
☐ There are no court orders regarding the child.
☐ A court made orders involving the child in the following case:
Case/Cause Number _____ in _____
County State
Case type: _____
Print the case type (custody, support, divorce, paternity, etc.)
- i. Petitioner and Co-Petitioner ask the Court to change the child's name to:

First Middle Last
- j. Petitioner and Co-Petitioner want to change the child's name because:

- k. Petitioner and Co-Petitioner believe the requested name change is in the child's best interest.

**CHANGE OF NAME OF CHILD PROVE UP QUESTIONS
FOUR CHILDREN; ONE PARENT**

Good morning, Your Honor. My name is _____. I am here to prove up my Order Granting Change of Name for my _____ (*number of children*) children.

I am the Petitioner and the parent of _____, _____, _____, and _____ (*present names of child one, child two child three, and child four*)

☐ Respondent is the [father/mother/non-parent managing conservator/guardian] (*select one*) of the child. Respondent:

☐ Was served with citation on _____ (*date*) and has failed to file an answer with the Court. I ask the Court to take judicial notice of the Return of Service that was filed on _____ (*date*) among the papers of the Court.

☐ Was duly served and filed an answer with the Court. Respondent was served with notice of today's trial date on _____ by _____ (*registered mail, etc.*) and has failed to appear. (*Be prepared to show the Court your proof of notice to Respondent*)

☐ Was properly served with citation by publication. An attorney ad litem has been appointed to represent the Respondent for the purpose of service of citation by publication.

☐ Has agreed to the requested change of name by signing a Waiver allowing for the the change of name(s) of the child[ren].

☐ There is no Respondent because:

☐ the child's other parent died, and a copy of the death certificate has been filed in this case as Exhibit _____.

☐ the child's other parent's parental rights have been terminated, and a copy of the court order terminating those rights has been filed in this case as Exhibit _____.

No other person has a legal relationship with the children.

CHILD ONE

_____ (present name of child one) is a [male/female] (select one)
child born on _____ (date of birth) in _____ (county, state).
The child's home address is _____.
(address)

****If child is 10 years of age or older, ask the Court to take judicial notice of the child's Consent for Name Change which was filed with the Petition for Change of Name among the papers of the court.*

(Select one.)

☐ No other court has continuing exclusive jurisdiction of this suit or of
_____ (name of Child One), the child who is subject to
this suit.

☐ _____ (name of Child One) is subject to
the continuing exclusive jurisdiction of the _____ Court of
_____ County, Texas.

☐ This court is the court of continuing exclusive jurisdiction as result of prior
proceedings involving _____ (name of Child One).

I request that the name of _____ (child one's full
present name) be changed to _____. (full
requested name for child one)

The reason for this requested name change is:

(State reason)

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD ONE

_____ (Name of Child One.):

(Select one.)

☐ is not subject to the sex offender registration requirements of chapter 62 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

☐ is subject to the sex offender registration requirements of chapter 62 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, and as Petitioner's Exhibit # _____ (number), I offer _____ (proof that the appropriate local law enforcement authority has been notified of the proposed name change for child one.) I believe that a change of my child's name is in the interest of the public.

I believe that a change of my child's name is in the best interest of my child.

I ask the Court to grant my child a name change from _____ (present full name of child one) to _____ (requested full name of child one)

CHILD TWO

_____ (present name of child two) is a [male/female] (select one) child born on _____ (date of birth) in _____ (county, state). The child's home address is _____ (address)

*****If child is 10 years of age or older, ask the Court to take judicial notice of the child's Consent for Name Change which was filed with the Petition for Change of Name among the papers of the court.**

(Select one.)

☐ No other court has continuing exclusive jurisdiction of this suit or of _____ (name of Child Two), the child who is subject to this suit.

☐ _____ (name of Child Two) is subject to the continuing exclusive jurisdiction of the _____ Court of _____ County, Texas.

☐ This court is the court of continuing exclusive jurisdiction as result of prior proceedings involving _____ (name of Child Two).

I request that the name of _____ (child two's full present name) be changed to _____ (full requested name for child two)

The reason for this requested name change is:

(State reason)

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD TWO

_____ *(Name of Child Two.):*

(Select one.)

☐ is not subject to the sex offender registration requirements of chapter 62 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

☐ is subject to the sex offender registration requirements of chapter 62 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, and as Petitioner's Exhibit # _____ *(number)*, I offer _____ *(proof that the appropriate local law enforcement authority has been notified of the proposed name change for child two.)* I believe that a change of my child's name is in the interest of the public.

I believe that a change of my child's name is in the best interest of my child.

I ask the Court to grant my child a name change from

_____ *(present full name of child one)* to
_____ *(requested full name of child two)*

CHILD THREE

_____ *(present name of child three)* is a [male/female] *(select one)*
child born on _____ *(date of birth)* in _____ *(county, state)*.
The child's home address is _____
(address)

****If child is 10 years of age or older, ask the Court to take judicial notice of the child's Consent for Name Change which was filed with the Petition for Change of Name among the papers of the court.*

(Select one.)

☐ No other court has continuing exclusive jurisdiction of this suit or of _____ (name of Child Three), the child who is subject to this suit.

☐ _____ (name of Child Three) is subject to the continuing exclusive jurisdiction of the _____ Court of _____ County, Texas.

☐ This court is the court of continuing exclusive jurisdiction as result of prior proceedings involving _____ (name of Child Three).

I request that the name of _____ (child three's full present name) be changed to _____. (full requested name for child three)

The reason for this requested name change is:

(State reason)

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD THREE

_____ (Name of Child Three.):

(Select one.)

☐ is not subject to the sex offender registration requirements of chapter 62 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

☐ is subject to the sex offender registration requirements of chapter 62 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, and as Petitioner's Exhibit # _____ (number), I offer _____ (proof that the appropriate

local law enforcement authority has been notified of the proposed name change for child three.) I believe that a change of my child's name is in the interest of the public.

I believe that a change of my child's name is in the best interest of my child.

I ask the Court to grant my child a name change from

_____ *(present full name of child three)* to
_____ *(requested full name of child three)*

CHILD FOUR

_____ *(present name of child four)* is a [male/female] *(select one)*
child born on _____ *(date of birth)* in _____ *(county, state)*.
The child's home address is _____
(address)

****If child is 10 years of age or older, ask the Court to take judicial notice of the child's Consent for Name Change which was filed with the Petition for Change of Name among the papers of the court.*

(Select one.)

☐ No other court has continuing exclusive jurisdiction of this suit or of
_____ *(name of Child Four)*, the child who is subject to
this suit.

☐ _____ *(name of Child Four)* is subject to
the continuing exclusive jurisdiction of the _____ Court of
_____ County, Texas.

☐ This court is the court of continuing exclusive jurisdiction as result of prior
proceedings involving _____ *(name of Child Four)*.

I request that the name of _____ *(child four's full present name)* be changed to _____ *(full requested name for child four)*

The reason for this requested name change is:

(State reason)

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD FOUR

_____ (Name of Child Four.):

(Select one.)

☐ is not subject to the sex offender registration requirements of chapter 62 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

☐ is subject to the sex offender registration requirements of chapter 62 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, and as Petitioner's Exhibit # _____ (number), I offer _____ (proof that the appropriate local law enforcement authority has been notified of the proposed name change for child four.) I believe that a change of my child's name is in the interest of the public.

I believe that a change of my child's name is in the best interest of my child.

I ask the Court to grant my child a name change from

_____ (present full name of child four) to
_____. (requested full name of child four)

Respectfully submitted,

Signature

Printed Name

State of Texas

County of Collin

SWORN to and SUBSCRIBED before me, the undersigned authority, on the
_____ day of _____, 20____, by _____.

Notary Public
State of Texas