



Lake County
Court of Common Pleas
Juvenile Division

Judge Karen Lawson

Filing Procedure:

**Grandparent Caregiver Power of Attorney &
Grandparent Caregiver Authorization Affidavit**

1. The Power of Attorney form is to be used in consensual situations, where the parent(s) is/are empowering the grandparent caregiver to care for their child. The form must be signed by the parent(s) and grandparent caregiver, and **notarized no more than five (5) days before filing. The nonresidential/custodial parent must be notified of the creation of the Power of Attorney. The parent creating the power of attorney must send by certified mail a copy to the parent who is not the residential parent and legal custodian. Proof of notification must be filed with the power of attorney.**
2. The Caregiver Authorization Affidavit form is to be used when the child resides with the grandparent, but despite reasonable efforts, the parent(s) is/are unable to be located. The form must be signed by the grandparent caregiver, and **notarized no more than five (5) days before filing.**
3. The Power of Attorney and Caregiver Authorization Affidavit allow the grandparent caregiver to enroll the grandchild in school, participate in their education, and to obtain routine and emergency medical, psychological, and dental care. **The Power of Attorney and Caregiver Authorization Affidavit do not transfer legal custody to the grandparent caregiver.**
4. An **Affidavit Regarding Custody** must accompany the Power of Attorney and Caretaker Authorization Affidavit at the time of filing.
5. See the “Additional Information” sections contained with the Power of Attorney and Caregiver Authorization affidavits for further instruction including information on how/when termination occurs.

See www.PCSAO.org and the Ohio Revised Code for additional information.

POA packet

POWER OF ATTORNEY

AUTHORIZED BY SECTIONS 3109.65 TO 3109.73 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE

I, the undersigned, residing at _____, in the county of _____, state of _____, hereby appoint the child's grandparent, _____, residing at _____, in the county of _____, in the state of Ohio, with whom the child of whom I am the parent, guardian, or custodian is residing, my attorney in fact to exercise any and all of my rights and responsibilities regarding the care, physical custody, and control of the child, _____, born _____, having social security number (optional) _____, except my authority to consent to marriage or adoption of the child _____, and to perform all acts necessary in the execution of the rights and responsibilities hereby granted, as fully as I might do if personally present. The rights I am transferring under this power of attorney include the ability to enroll the child in school, to obtain from the school district educational and behavioral information about the child, to consent to all school-related matters regarding the child, and to consent to medical, psychological, or dental treatment for the child. This transfer does not affect my rights in any future proceedings concerning the custody of the child or the allocation of the parental rights and responsibilities for the care of the child and does not give the attorney in fact legal custody of the child. This transfer does not terminate my right to have regular contact with the child.

I hereby certify that I am transferring the rights and responsibilities designated in this power of attorney because one of the following circumstances exists:

(1) I am: (a) Seriously ill, incarcerated, or about to be incarcerated, (b) Temporarily unable to provide financial support or parental guidance to the child, (c) Temporarily unable to provide adequate care and supervision of the child because of my physical or mental condition, (d) Homeless or without a residence because the current residence is destroyed or otherwise uninhabitable, or (e) In or about to enter a residential treatment program for substance abuse;

(2) I am a parent of the child, the child's other parent is deceased, and I have authority to execute the power of attorney; or

(3) I have a well-founded belief that the power of attorney is in the child's best interest.

I hereby certify that I am not transferring my rights and responsibilities regarding the child 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 to the grandparent designated as attorney in fact. 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.

If there is a court order naming me the residential parent and legal custodian of the child who is the subject of this power of attorney and I am the sole parent signing this document, I hereby certify that one of the following is the case:

(1) I have made reasonable efforts to locate and provide notice of the creation of this power of attorney to the other parent and have been unable to locate that parent;

(2) The other parent is prohibited from receiving a notice of relocation; or

(3) The parental rights of the other parent have been terminated by order of a juvenile court.

This POWER OF ATTORNEY is valid until the occurrence of whichever of the following events occurs first: (1) I revoke this POWER OF ATTORNEY in writing and give notice of the revocation to the grandparent designated as attorney in fact and the juvenile court with which this POWER OF ATTORNEY was filed; (2) the child ceases to reside with the grandparent designated as attorney in fact; (3) this POWER OF ATTORNEY is terminated by court order; (4) the death of the child who is the subject of the power of attorney; or (5) the death of the grandparent designated as the attorney in fact.

WARNING: DO NOT EXECUTE THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY IF ANY STATEMENT MADE IN THIS INSTRUMENT IS UNTRUE. 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.

Witness my hand this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Parent/Custodian/Guardian's signature

Parent's signature

Grandparent designated as attorney in fact

State of Ohio)
) ss:
County of _____)

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

Notary Public

Notices:

1. A power of attorney may be executed only if one of the following circumstances exists: (1) The parent, guardian, or custodian of the child is: (a) Seriously ill, incarcerated, or about to be incarcerated; (b) Temporarily unable to provide financial support or parental guidance to the child; (c) Temporarily unable to provide adequate care and supervision of the child because of the parent's, guardian's, or custodian's physical or mental condition; (d) Homeless or without a residence because the current residence is destroyed or otherwise uninhabitable; or (e) In or about to enter a residential treatment program for substance abuse; (2) One of the child's parents is deceased and the other parent, with authority to do so, seeks to execute a power of attorney; or (3) The parent, guardian, or custodian has a well-founded belief that the power of attorney is in the child's best interest.
2. The signatures of the parent, guardian, or custodian of the child and the grandparent designated as the attorney in fact must be notarized by an Ohio notary public.
3. A parent, guardian, or custodian who creates a power of attorney must notify the parent of the child who is not the residential parent and legal custodian of the child unless one of the following circumstances applies: (a) the parent is prohibited from receiving a notice of relocation in accordance with section [3109.051](#) of the Revised Code of the creation of the power of attorney; (b) the parent's parental rights have been terminated by order of a juvenile court pursuant to Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code; (c) the parent cannot be located with reasonable efforts; (d) both parents are executing the power of attorney. The notice must be sent by certified mail not later than five days after the power of attorney is created and must state the name and address of the person designated as the attorney in fact.
4. A parent, guardian, or custodian who creates a power of attorney must file it with the juvenile court of the county in which the attorney in fact resides, or any other court that has jurisdiction over the child under a previously filed motion or proceeding. The power of attorney must be filed not later than five days after the date it is created and be accompanied by a receipt showing that the notice of creation of the power of attorney was sent to the parent who is not the residential parent and legal custodian by certified mail.
5. This power of attorney does not affect the rights of the child's parents, guardian, or custodian regarding any future proceedings concerning the custody of the child or the allocation of the parental rights and responsibilities for the care of the child and does not give the attorney in fact legal custody of the child.
6. A person or entity that relies on this power of attorney, in good faith, has no obligation to make any further inquiry or investigation.
7. This power of attorney terminates on the occurrence of whichever of the following occurs first: (1) the power of attorney is revoked in writing by the person who created it and that person gives written notice of the revocation to the grandparent who is the attorney in fact and the juvenile court with which the power of attorney was filed; (2) the child ceases to live with the grandparent who is the attorney in fact; (3) the power of attorney is terminated by court order; (4) the death of the child who is the subject of the power of attorney; or (5) the death of the grandparent designated as the attorney in fact.
8. If this power of attorney terminates other than by the death of the attorney in fact, the grandparent who served as the attorney in fact 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 other person or entity would reasonably rely on the power of attorney unless notified of the termination;

(c) The court in which the power of attorney was filed after its creation;

(d) The parent who is not the residential parent and legal custodian of the child who is required to be given notice of its creation. The grandparent shall make the notifications not later than one week after the date the power of attorney terminates.

9. If this power of attorney is terminated by written revocation of the person who created it, or the revocation is regarding a second or subsequent power of attorney, a copy of the revocation must be filed with the court with which that power of attorney was filed.

Additional information:

To the grandparent designated as attorney in fact:

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 power of attorney. 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 power of attorney unless notified. The notification must be made not later than one week after the child stops living with you.

2. You must include with the power of attorney the following information:

(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 designated 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 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.

3. If you receive written notice of revocation of the power of attorney or the parent, custodian, or guardian removes the child from your home and if you believe that the revocation 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. Except as provided in section [3313.649](#) of the Revised Code, this power of attorney, properly completed and notarized, authorizes the child in question to attend school in the district in which the grandparent designated as attorney in fact resides and that grandparent is authorized to provide consent in all school-related matters and to obtain from the school district educational and behavioral information about the child. This power of attorney 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 in the school district.
3. A school district or school official that reasonably and in good faith relies on this power of attorney has no obligation to make any further inquiry or investigation.

To health care providers:

1. A person or entity that acts in good faith reliance on a power of attorney to provide medical, psychological, or dental treatment, without actual knowledge of facts contrary to those stated in the power of attorney, 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 power of attorney is completed and the signatures of the parent, guardian, or custodian of the child and the grandparent designated as attorney in fact are notarized.
2. The decision of a grandparent designated as attorney in fact, based on a power of attorney, shall be honored by a health care facility or practitioner, school district, or school official.

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEASE
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO
JUVENILE DIVISION**

CASE NO. _____

Plaintiff/Petitioner

vs.

**JUDGE KAREN LAWSON
AFFIDAVIT REGARDING CUSTODY**

Defendant/Petitioner

INSTRUCTIONS

If you need more space to answer any question, please attach a separate sheet of paper to the back of this form. If the answers to the following questions are not the same for all children, a separate affidavit must be filed for each child.

STATE OF OHIO)

) SS:

COUNTY OF LAKE)

I, the undersigned, being first duly sworn, state the following answers to the questions in this AFFIDAVIT are true. I understand that I have a continuing duty to inform the Court of any parenting proceedings concerning the child/children in this or any other state of which I obtain information during this proceeding. The names and dates of birth of the child/children for which this affidavit applies is/are:

1. Beginning with the child(ren)'s present address, state the places where the child(ren) lived within the past five years, and the names and present addresses of the persons with whom the child(ren) lived during that period.

PART A

Places and Dates

Living with: _____

Address: _____

From _____ To _____

Living with: _____

Address: _____

From _____ To _____

PART B

Provide the present address for each person listed in PART A

Mother's ddrss: _____

Father's Address: _____

Other: _____

Other: _____

Living with: _____ Other: _____
 Address: _____
 From _____ To _____ Other: _____

2. Have you participated as a party, witness, or in any other capacity, in any other litigation concerning the custody and/or parenting time of the same child/children, or know of a party who has been convicted or pleaded guilty to any criminal offense regarding child abuse or neglect, or determined to be the perpetrator thereof, in this or any other state?

YES _____ NO _____ If yes, furnish details: _____

3. 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 .

4. The following information, including the Court's address and Case Number, is provided detailing any custody and/or parenting time proceeding, or child abuse or neglect proceeding, concerning the child/children pending in a Court of this or any other state. If none, state none.

5. The following are the names and addresses of any persons not a party to the proceeding including grandparents, if relevant, who have physical custody of the child/children or who claim to have custody, parenting time, or visitation rights with respect to the child/children:

6. The names and addresses of the maternal grandparents are as follows:

7. The names and addresses of the paternal grandparents are as follows:

I UNDERSTAND I HAVE A CONTINUAL DUTY AND REQUIREMENT OF THE COURT TO TIMELY UPDATE AND NOTIFY THE COURT IN WRITING REGARDING ALL OF THE PRECEDING INFORMATION, ESPECIALLY ANY RESIDENTIAL MOVES OR LOCATIONS OF MYSELF, CHILDREN, OR OTHERS, TEMPORARY OR NOT, AND OTHER COURT PROCEEDINGS. TIMELY MEANS WITHIN SEVEN DAYS.

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.

AFFIANT

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

Notary Public

**NOTICE TO NONRESIDENTIAL PARENT AND LEGAL CUSTODIAN OF
CREATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Pursuant to O.R.C. § 3109.55, the Power of Attorney executed by _____
and _____ was sent to _____ by certified mail on this
_____ day of _____, 20____. This Power of Attorney designates
_____ as attorney in fact. S/he lives at _____.

-OR-

Pursuant to O.R.C. § 3109.55(A), the Power of Attorney executed by _____
and _____ was not sent to the nonresidential parent and legal custodian
because one of the following applies:

- (1) The parent is prohibited from receiving a notice of relocation in accordance with section 3109.051 of the Revised Code.
- (2) The parent's parental rights have been terminated by order of a juvenile court pursuant to Chapter 2151 of the Revised Code.
- (3) The parent cannot be located with reasonable efforts.
- (4) The power of attorney is being created by both parents.

Signature