

Instructions for Petition–Child Information Attachment GC-210(CA)

- You need one attachment for each child.
- Pay special attention to the questions and instructions in ①c as there are special notice requirements for Indian children.
- At the top of the form print the full names of all children that you are seeking guardianship of.
- Below that, print the name of the one child that this form is about.

- ①a. Print the child's full legal name and date of birth.
- ①b. Fill in the child's current address. If the child currently lives with you, that is your address. If the child is currently living somewhere else, put the address where the child is currently living.
- ①c. Answer the questions about the child's Indian ancestry to the best of your knowledge. Try to find out as much as you can from the child if he/she is old enough and from any other relatives that might know about the child's heritage.
- ①d. Answer the questions about whether the child has ever been married.
- ①e. If you are aware that the child receives any type of public assistance or other aid, fill in as much as you can.
- ①f. Fill in the name and address of the person with *legal* custody. This is usually the parents unless there has been a previous Court order.
- ①g. Fill in the name and address of the person that the child currently lives with. Your answer here should be the same as your answer to ①b. If it's you, put your name and address. If it's another person, put their name and address.
- ①h. List any other Court cases involving the child if you know of any. Provide as much information as you can. For example:

Type of Case	Court District or County and State	Case Number (if known)
Divorce	Fresno County Superior Court	09CEFL00000

- ①i. If the child is in or on leave from an institution supervised by the California Dept. of Developmental Services or the California Dept. of Mental Health, check the box and write which facility.
- ② List all of the child's relatives here with their addresses. If you don't know an address, try to get it, or put as much as you know. You will use this list to make sure everyone gets notice.
 - DO List actual relatives. DO NOT list step relatives.
 - If a relative has passed away, put "deceased" next to their name
 - If you don't know a person's name, put "unknown" not "N/A." You will need to explain later.
 - List all of the child's siblings that you are aware of.
 - DO include half- siblings. DO NOT include step-siblings.
 - Include the siblings' ages, if you know them.
 - If you need to attach a page, check the box and continue your list on an attached page.
 - Skip the line labeled "Spouse" – it does not apply to guardianships of the person only.
 - If you or someone else has been nominated as a guardian of the child, fill in that person's name.

- ③ This is where you will tell the Court about the guardian(s). List all proposed guardians and check the box and explain how you are each related to the child. If you are not related, explain your connection to the child.
- ④ This is where you will explain why you are the best choice for guardian for this child. Before, you explained why the child needed a guardianship. Here, you are explaining why it should be you.
- ⑤ Do you think the parents will agree or disagree with your petition?
- ⑥ What are your plans for the child? Will the child live with you? Do you plan to adopt the child?
 - While you are the legal guardian, you have the authority to act as the parent, but the parents' rights are not terminated. Guardianship of the Person expires automatically when the child turns 18. It can be terminated sooner, but only by coming back to Court.
 - If you decide to adopt the child, that is permanent and is a separate proceeding. If you plan to adopt the child, that proceeding does terminate the parents' rights, and you actually become the parent.
 - If you plan to adopt the child, let the Court know here because the cases may need to be associated and heard in the same Court.
- ⑦ If you are the Petitioner, but you are requesting that someone else be appointed Guardian, explain your relationship or connection to the child. Why are you making this request? Your answer here should correspond to your answer to ④ of the Petition GC-210(P). For example: "I am the mother and I am requesting that my mother care for my children while I am in jail."
- ⑧ Again, answer the questions about the child's Indian ancestry to the best of your knowledge.
 - If the child has no known Indian ancestry, check the box at ⑧c.(8).

Complete this form for each child. When you are finished, attach the form(s) to the Petition GC-210(P).

Additional tips:

- Even though there is not a signature line on this form, remember that it is an attachment to the Petition that you signed the Petition under penalty of perjury. You are responsible for providing truthful information.
- Sometimes the questions seem redundant, but it is important that you fill out all of the information wherever it is requested. For example, if you are filling out this form for the second child, you still need to fill out all the relatives and other information as it relates to that child. In Court cases, everyone, including children, is treated as an individual.