

MINOR GUARDIANSHIP – PARENT INFORMATION SHEET

If you are a parent and a case has been filed to establish a minor guardianship of your child or children, you have rights. You also must respond to the case, or you may lose custody of your child or children.

RESPONDING TO THE PETITION

If you have been served with a Minor Guardianship Petition, you must respond, or you may lose custody of your child or children.

Your written response is due within 20 days of being personally served in Washington State, 60 days if you were personally served out of state, 60 days if you were served by publication in a legal newspaper, or 90 days if you were served by mail. You must respond in writing.

- Objection to Minor Guardianship – Form GDN M 301
(file with the court and give a copy to the petitioner)

If you agree to the petitioner having guardianship of your child or children, you should file a consent.

- Parent's Consent to Minor Guardianship – Form GDN M 304

Appear in Court: If you have received notice of a court hearing, you should come to court and tell the judge if you are opposed to or agree with minor guardianship of your child or children.

RIGHT TO AN ATTORNEY

You have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you cannot afford to hire an attorney, you may be entitled to an attorney at public expense.

Under RCW 11.130.200 if you are a parent of a minor subject to a proceeding for a minor guardianship and you have appeared in the case by coming to court or filing a response, you are objecting to the minor guardianship, and you are indigent (make less than 125% of the federal poverty guidelines) you are entitled to an attorney at public expense.

- Motion to Appoint Lawyer – Form GDN M 021. (file this form or just come to court)

FORMS

Washington Court Forms has the forms you will need.

Emergency Guardianship: <https://www.courts.wa.gov/forms/?fa=forms.contribute&formID=129>

Full Minor Guardianship: <https://www.courts.wa.gov/forms/?fa=forms.contribute&formID=130>

Change or End a Minor Guardianship:

<https://www.courts.wa.gov/forms/?fa=forms.contribute&formID=131>

Yakima County Superior Court Local Rules: <https://www.yakimacounty.us/2457/Current-Local-Rules>

Read the Law - RCW 11.130: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=11.130>

Washington Law Help has forms and information to assist you with a minor guardianship case:

<https://www.washingtonlawhelp.org/>