

Superior Court of Washington, County of _____

In the Guardianship of:

Respondent/s (*minors/children*)

No. _____

Notice of Hearing about Standby Minor
Guardianship Petition

(NTHG)

Clerk's action required: 1

Interpreter required in:
_____ (language)

Notice of Hearing about Standby Minor Guardianship Petition

To: The parents, child, standby guardian, court clerk, and all people who must get notice:

1. Petitioner has scheduled a court hearing:



for: _____ at: _____ [] a.m. [] p.m.
date *time*

at: _____
court's address

in: _____
room or department

with: _____
judge/commissioner's name or docket/calendar

Warning! You have **60** days from the time of service to object. If you do not go to the court hearing above, the court may sign orders without hearing your side.

This hearing is because the Petitioner/s _____
(name of person/s starting this case)
is asking the court to appoint _____
(name of proposed standby guardian)
standby guardian of the children listed above.

2. The court may appoint a standby guardian if it finds that it is in the child's best interest **and** that within the next 2 years none of the child's parents will likely be willing or able to exercise parenting functions as defined in RCW 26.09.004.

If appointed, when a certain event happens, the standby guardian will be able to act as guardian and assume the duties and responsibilities of a parent regarding the child's support, care, education, health, safety, and welfare unless limited by the court. The standby guardian can manage the child's personal property and funds (as a fiduciary) unless limited by the court.

Anyone listed on the *Notice Attachment* has the right to object to the appointment of a standby guardian and to ask the court to appoint a lawyer for the child.

3. To the parents:

The petitioner may ask the court to restrict your contact with the child and limit your ability to make decisions regarding the child when the guardianship begins.

You have the right to participate in this case. Some of your important rights are to:

- Object to the appointment of a standby guardian.
- Hire your own lawyer.
- Ask for visitation and keep the right to make some decisions for the child.

4. To the child:

You have the right to participate in this case. Some of your important rights are to:

- Attend and participate in the hearing unless limited by the court.
- Communicate with the court.

The reasons for this standby guardianship are in a separate form. The court (*check one*) [] is [] is **not** allowing you to see this form. You can ask the court, court visitor, or your lawyer to see the *Reasons for Minor Guardianship*.

5. How to respond:

Step 1: Fill out one of the forms below.

If you disagree, use:

- *Objection to Minor Guardianship* (form GDN M 301).

If you agree, use:

- *Declaration of (name)* _____ (for non-parents) (form FL All Family 135)

You can get the forms at:

- The Washington State Courts' website: www.courts.wa.gov/forms
- Washington Law Help: www.washingtonlawhelp.org, or
- The Superior Court Clerk's office or county law library (for a fee).

Step 2: Serve (give) a copy of your form to the Petitioner and the people listed in Section 1 of the *Notice Attachment*. You may use certified mail with return receipt requested. For more information on how to serve, read Superior Court Civil Rule 5.

Step 3: File your original form with the court clerk at this address:

Superior Court Clerk, _____ County

Address *City* *State* *Zip*



Person asking for this hearing signs here

Print name (if lawyer, also list WSBA #)

Date

The following is my contact information:

Email: _____

Phone (Optional): _____

I agree to accept legal papers for this case at the following address (*this does **not** have to be your home address*):

Street Address or PO Box *City* *State* *Zip*

Note: You and the other parties may agree to accept legal papers by email under Civil Rule 5 and local court rules.

Notice Attachment: List of People to be Served or Given Notice

Important! Petitioner must have a copy of this *Notice*, the *Standby Minor Guardianship Petition*, and the *Reasons for Minor Guardianship* must be **personally served** on:

- The child's parents
- The child (if age 12 or older) unless the court ordered that the *Reasons for Minor Guardianship* **not** be served on the child.
- The child's attorney, if any, if the child is age 12 or older.
- The person nominated as standby guardian

People who must be personally served

Important! If you cannot locate a parent for service, request a Court Visitor.

Relationship	Name	Address
Parent 1		
Parent 2		
Person nominated as Standby guardian		
<input type="checkbox"/> The child is age 12 or older		
<input type="checkbox"/> The child is age 12 or older <input type="checkbox"/> The child's attorney		
<p>Important! If there is a good reason not to give the <i>Reasons for Minor Guardianship</i> to the child, you can ask the court's permission to waive service of it. Complete form GDN M 106.</p>		