

Are you a Family Member Seeking Temporary Custody of a Child in your Care?

Free online interactive forms are available to help you file a Petition to obtain **Temporary Custody** of a minor child in your care if you meet the requirements below. Using an online tool, you will answer simple questions about your situation and your answers will be assembled into all the necessary documents that you can print out for filing with the court.



In order to use the online forms, you must:

- ◆ Be caring for a minor child who lives with you;
- ◆ Be an **Extended Family Member** of the child (related to the child by blood or marriage) or step-parent of the child (cannot be currently married to the child's parent or be involved in a civil or criminal case against the child's parent); AND
- ◆ Either:
 - ◇ Have the signed, notarized consents of both legal parents of the child; or
 - ◇ Be an extended family member who is already caring full-time for the child as a substitute parent and living with the child.

The form below is available on the Florida Law Help website (<http://floridalawhelp.org>):

- ◆ **Temporary Custody by Extended Family Member** (allows an extended family member to act as parent for a child who resides with them)
- ◆ URL: <http://floridalawhelp.org/resource/form-temporary-custody-by-extended-family-mem>

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