










**NOTIFICATION OF THE REMOVAL OF A CHILD FROM THE CUSTODY OF HIS OR HER PARENT
AND PLACEMENT INTO OUT-OF-HOME CARE**

Use of form: Child welfare and juvenile justice agencies are required to notify adult relatives and other adults suggested by the child's parents when a child has been removed from the custody of his or her parent and placed in out-of-home care pursuant to Ch. 48 (the Children's Code) and Ch. 938 (the Juvenile Justice Code) of the Wisconsin Statutes. Use of this form is required. Personal information you provide may be used for secondary purposes [Privacy Law, s.15.04(1)(m), Wisconsin Statutes].

Date: 
 To: 
 From: 

RE: Notification of the removal of a child from the custody of his or her parent and placement into out-of-home care

The following information relates to the child(ren) listed below:

Child Name	Age	Gender	Effective Date of Placement
			
Parent Name(s)		City, State	
			

This is to notify you, as an adult relative or other adult, pursuant to Ch. 48 or Ch. 938, Wisconsin Statutes, that the above-named child(ren) has / have been removed from the custody of his or her parent and placed into out-of-home care.

Early involvement with relatives supports continuity of relationships that are important for a child's well-being. Relatives and other adults are important resources for all children especially when children are placed into out-of-home care because it can be difficult to maintain familial and tribal relationships. Relatives and other adults have the option of being considered as a placement, being involved as a resource, or remaining un-involved. There is no requirement that you respond to this notice. However, a delay in your response could lessen the chances that a child would be placed with you. For example, if the child has already forged a strong bond with another relative or care provider, the court might decide that it would be harmful to the child to change homes. If your circumstances change and / or you reconsider your involvement at a later point, please make contact with the agency listed on this form. Even if you are unable or unwilling to be considered as a placement resource for the above-named child(ren), you may want to consider how else you could be a resource to the child(ren) or family. Visiting the child, keeping in contact with the child, or providing emotional or other support to the child or child's family are all things you can do to help.

You may be given consideration for placement of the child through the foster care program or as a relative placement. Consideration does not necessarily mean the child(ren) will be placed in your home (e.g., the child(ren) may already be placed now and additional considerations would need to be made by the court before the child's placement is changed). Decisions regarding the child's placement are made by the court. In addition, if the child is an Indian child under the Indian Child Welfare Act, placement preferences must be followed when making a placement decision.

All individuals who care for children in out-of-home care are required to complete background checks and an assessment of their ability to meet the child(ren)'s needs. Some individuals choose to become licensed foster parents in order to receive reimbursement for the care provided to the child(ren) and to participate in additional services and supports.

All placement resources who are licensed as foster homes in Wisconsin are required to:

- Obtain background checks that include fingerprint-based checks with the FBI

- Undergo a safety evaluation of the home
- Participate in a home study that includes exploring such topics as your parenting practices, health, ability to manage stressful situations, ability to manage relationships and boundaries with the child(ren)'s parents
- Work with the child welfare agency by promoting and assisting with regular family interaction, transporting the child to school and other activities, participating in identified services for the child(ren) and family, and related activities


Similar requirements apply to be approved as a kinship care home, but in many cases those requirements are less stringent.

Additional services and supports may be available to assist in providing care for the child(ren), including, but not limited to:

- A caseworker assigned to the child(ren) who can assist you with connecting to appropriate services for the child(ren) and your family
- Medical assistance through BadgerCare+, if you meet additional criteria
- Economic supports, if you meet eligibility criteria for child care assistance through Wisconsin Shares, food stamps, WIC, etc.
- Financial assistance for the care of the child(ren) through foster care or kinship care payments

Further, this is to notify you that pursuant to Ch. 48 or Ch. 938, Wisconsin Statutes, any person seeking placement of a child in the child welfare or juvenile justice systems may incur additional expenses if the child is placed in his or her home and that reimbursement for some of those expenses may not be available or fully reimbursable. The child(ren)'s caseworker or a foster care licensing worker can assist you in understanding what expenses may not fully be covered.

The information being provided to you regarding placement options, including requirements for licensing and placement, expenses, and reimbursement, may be specific to the state of Wisconsin. Therefore, if you reside in a state outside of Wisconsin, those requirements, expenses, and reimbursement options may be different.

Contact me at  or the following address if you would like further information on becoming a resource for this child / these children or the family.



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