

## REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of parent/guardian for whom you are completing the questionnaire: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:**

As you answer each question, please keep in mind that it is the responsibility of the court to safeguard the welfare and future development of the children in this family. You can help the court in meeting this responsibility by being objective and confining your statements to observations which you personally have made. Answer each question as completely as possible, using additional paper if needed. The family counselor assigned to this case may contact you personally to discuss your statement with you. Please complete the form as soon as possible. Do not give this form to the parent. Return the form to:

**OAKLAND COUNTY FRIEND OF THE COURT**

**P.O. Box 436012**

**PONTIAC, MICHIGAN 48343-6012**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Your relationship to the parent/guardian above (friend, relative, employer): \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the parent/guardian above? \_\_\_\_\_ Date last seen: \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you see him/her? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the children in case? \_\_\_\_\_ Date last seen: \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you see them? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know the other parent?  Yes  No If yes, for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

**Physical Environment** - Please describe the home of the parent/guardian for whom you are a reference, including the housekeeping standards, who prepares meals, etc.

**Care of Children** - Describe how the parent/guardian for whom you are a reference treats the child(ren), including attention to cleanliness, clothing, discipline, supervision.

**Relationship to Children** - Describe the relationship between the parent/guardian for whom you are a reference and each child. How do get along and what do they do together?

Have you ever witnessed physical or emotional abuse of the child(ren) by either parent/guardian?  
Explain and give details.

**Children** - State your personal observations of each child, including any physical or emotional problems known to you.

**Parents** - To your knowledge, does either of the parents/guardians have problems in any of the following areas? Please check your response.

Abuse of Alcohol     Abuse of Drugs/Narcotics     Criminal Involvement

If the answer to any of the above is yes, please give details.

**Custody** - If custody is an issue, please state which parent you believe should have custody and explain why based on your observations.

Do you believe the other parent is unfit to have custody?     Yes     No

If the answer is yes, explain why.

**Visitation** - If visitation is an issue, please use your observations and knowledge to describe the type of visitation program that is in the best interests of the children and explain why.

**Child(ren)'s Feelings** - Has the child(ren) expressed feelings about custody or visitation to you? Please give details.

FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, PLEASE ATTACH PAPER. THANK YOU.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_