

Court address 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac, MI 48341 Court telephone (248) 858-0112

In the matter of _____

My name is _____ . I am _____ years old, and I am the mother father of
Name of respondent Age

Name of child(ren) and date(s) of birth _____

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| <u>Initial</u>

_____ | I can speak and understand the English language.
I can read and write the English language.
A language interpreter assisted me with this form. | <u>Initial</u>

_____ | I have had the opportunity to consult with a lawyer.
I am not under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
I understand that this is a civil and not a criminal case. |
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1. Initial _____ I received a copy of a petition dated _____ and I understand the allegations against me.
Date
 2. Initial _____ I understand that the petition says that the child(ren) need to be protected because they have been abused or neglected, are in an unfit home or environment, or there is a failure to comply with guardianship provisions.
 3. Initial _____ I understand that I have a right to have a lawyer represent me during all proceedings and that the court will appoint a lawyer for me if I cannot afford a lawyer of my choice.
 4. Initial _____ I understand that I have a right to a trial by a judge or jury.
 5. Initial _____ I understand that the petitioner must prove the allegations in the petition by a preponderance of the evidence.
 6. Initial _____ I understand that I have the right to have the witnesses against me appear and testify at trial and to have my lawyer question the witnesses.
 7. Initial _____ I understand I have the right to call my own witnesses to testify at trial, and to have the court order them to appear and testify if they won't come to court on their own.
 8. Initial _____ I understand that if the court accepts my plea, I will give up my right to a trial and all of the rights I would have at trial. The court may then find that the child(ren) is/are within its jurisdiction. This means that the court will make decisions about their care, including where they will be placed.
 9. Initial _____ I understand that the court will schedule a hearing to determine if there is clear and convincing evidence to prove whether my parental rights can be terminated.
 10. Initial _____ I plead responsible and understand the court will ask me questions about the petition allegations.
 I plead no contest and understand the court will collect evidence about the petition allegations from others.
 11. Initial _____ My plea IS NOT a result of an agreement between me, my attorney and anyone else.
 My plea IS a result of an agreement. The agreement is : _____
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12. Initial _____ No one has forced me, threatened me, or promised me anything (other than in #11, above, if any) in order to get me to plead responsible no contest. It is my own choice to plead responsible no contest.

MY LAWYER HAS READ AND EXPLAINED TO ME ALL OF THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM, AND MY ANSWERS ARE TRUTHFUL.

Signature of Respondent /s/ _____ Date _____
 Printed Name of Respondent _____

I HAVE READ AND EXPLAINED THE FOREGOING TO MY CLIENT.

Signature of Attorney /s/ _____ P- # _____ Date _____
 Printed Name of Attorney _____