

Verification of Custody Letter

Date: _____

To Whom It May Concern:

The _____ (County) Department of Social Services obtained legal custody of the below child on _____ (Date):

Child's Name:	DOB:

N.C.G.S. § 7B-505.1. outlines consent for medical care for a juvenile placed in nonsecure custody of a county department of social services. Unless the court orders otherwise, when a child is in the custody of the county child welfare agency, a county director or the director's representative under N.C.G.S. § 7B-101(10) is authorized to arrange for, provide, or consent to any of the following without prior parental consent:

- Routine medical and dental care or treatment, including, but not limited to, treatment for common pediatric illnesses and injuries that require prompt intervention
- Emergency medical, surgical, psychiatric, psychological, or mental health care or treatment
- Testing and evaluation in exigent circumstances

The current placement provider for the above-named child is _____. They currently reside at _____.

The child welfare social worker for this case is _____ and may be contacted by phone at (_____).

The child welfare supervisor for this case is _____ and may be contacted by phone at (_____).

The county child welfare after hours number is: (_____).

Sincerely,

Child Welfare Social Worker Signature & Date: _____

Social Work Supervisor Signature & Date: _____

Court orders may not be shared unless otherwise specified in N.C.G.S. § 7B-2901

N.C.G.S. § 7B-2901. Confidentiality of records.

(a) The clerk shall maintain a complete record of all juvenile cases filed in the clerk's office alleging abuse, neglect, or dependency. The records shall be withheld from public inspection and, except as provided in this subsection, may be examined only by order of the court. The record shall include the summons, petition, custody order, court order, written motions, the electronic or mechanical recording of the hearing, and other papers filed in the proceeding. The recording of the hearing shall be reduced to a written transcript only when notice of appeal has been timely given.

After the time for appeal has expired with no appeal having been filed, the recording of the hearing may be erased or destroyed upon the written order of the court or in accordance with a retention schedule approved by the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources under G.S. 121-5(c).

The following persons may examine the juvenile's record maintained pursuant to this subsection and obtain copies of written parts of the record without an order of the court:

- (1) The person named in the petition as the juvenile;
- (2) The guardian ad litem;
- (3) The county department of social services; and
- (4) The juvenile's parent, guardian, or custodian, or the attorney for the juvenile or the juvenile's parent, guardian, or custodian.