

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court Department

Division _____

Docket No. _____

PETITION FOR VOLUNTARY CARE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF

(name of child)

M.G.L. c. 119, § 23(a)(1)

To the Justices of the Probate and Family Court:

RESPECTFULLY represents the Department of Children and Families:

The child, _____ born on _____
(name of child) (date and place of birth)
is under the age of eighteen.

The child currently resides in _____ within the county of _____
(type of placement)

The child's parent(s) / guardian, _____ reside(s) at,
(name of parent(s)/guardian with whom Voluntary Placement Agreement is made)

(street address) (city or town) (zip)

The above named parent(s)/guardian, has/have entered into a Voluntary Placement Agreement with the Department of Children and Families, pursuant to which the child was placed in foster care on _____
(date of placement)
for reasons related to the child's ☐ health ☐ Other: _____ and not to parental unfitness.

The Department and the parent(s)/guardian agree that continuation in placement is in the child's best interest and have agreed to extend the child's placement by amending the original Voluntary Placement Agreement. The amended Voluntary Placement Agreement is attached hereto.

The reason(s) for the child's need for continued placement is/are as follows: _____

It is in the child's best interest to continue his/her placement with the Department because _____

WHEREFORE YOUR PETITIONER REQUESTS that this Honorable Court find that continued placement of the child named herein is in the child's best interest and enter a decree under the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 119, s 23(a)(1), granting the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families care and responsibility of the child under the terms and conditions of the attached Voluntary Placement Agreement, or any extension thereof. The Department of Children and Families further requests that this Honorable Court schedule a permanency hearing in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 119, s 23(a)(1).

Date _____

(Signature of agency's representative)

(Print name)

(Street address)

(City/Town)

(State)

(Zip)

Tel. No. _____

B.B.O. # _____

I/We hereby consent to the continued placement of the child named in this petition and to the filing of this petition and having consented, I/We waive notice of the filing of this petition.

Date _____

(Signature of parent(s)/guardian)