

REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

Case Name: _____

Case Number: _____

Name of the 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 child/ren 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 Court Social Worker assigned to this case may contact you personally to discuss your statement with you. Please complete the form as soon as possible. Return the form to:

**Family Court Counseling Services
Racine County Courthouse
730 Wisconsin Avenue – Fifth Floor
Racine, Wisconsin 53403**

Your Name: _____ Home Telephone: _____

Street: _____ Work Telephone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Your relationship to the parent/guardian above (friend, relative, employer, etc.): _____

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 child/ren in this case? _____ Date last seen: _____

How often do you see them? _____

Do you know the other parent/guardian? Yes No If yes, for how long? _____

Your relationship (if any) to the other parent/guardian (friend, relative, employer, etc.): _____

A. Physical Environment: Please describe the home of the parent/guardian for whom you are a reference, including living conditions, housekeeping standards, and surrounding neighborhood.

B. Care of Children: Describe how the parent/guardian for whom you are a reference treats the child/ren, including attention to cleanliness, clothing, meals, discipline, supervision, school involvement, and extra curricular activities, etc.

Based on your observations, please describe the relationship between the parents/guardian and the child/ren. How do they get along and what do they do together?

Have you ever witnessed ANY physical or emotional abuse of the child/ren by either parent/guardian? If so, please explain and give details.

C. Children: Please give your personal observations of each child, including any physical or emotional problems known to you.

Have the child/ren discussed their feelings regarding custody/physical placement with you? If so, please explain and give details.

D. Parents: To your knowledge, does either of the parents/guardian have problems in any of the following areas? Please check your response.

Abuse of Alcohol Abuse of Drugs/Narcotics Medical Problems Psychological Problems

Criminal Involvement Other

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

E. Parenting Skills: Based on what you have seen, please list each parents/guardian strong points and weak points as a parent.

F. Additional Comments:

Signature: _____ Date: _____