

Soc. Serv. Law. §§384-b(13);
F.C.A § 635; 636; 637

Form TPR-15
(Petition to Restore
Parental Rights)
(1/2026)

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF

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In the Matter of the Commitment of
Guardianship and Custody pursuant to
§ 384-b of the Social Services Law of

Docket No.

PETITION FOR
MODIFICATION OF
ORDER OF DISPOSITION
TO RESTORE
PARENTAL RIGHTS

CIN#
A Child under the Age of Eighteen Years,
Whose Parent's Rights Were Terminated
.....

TO THE FAMILY COURT:

The undersigned Petitioner(s) respectfully allege(s) that:

- 1. Petitioner(s) _____, (is) (are)
 - respondent-parents (s) in the case in which parental rights were terminated
 - an authorized agency having its office and place of business at [specify, including county]:
 - individual to whom guardianship and custody of the child had been committed.
 - attorney for the child

2. The parental rights of [specify]: _____ to the above-named child were terminated two or more years prior to the filing of this petition by an order of the Court, dated [specify]: _____ and custody and guardianship of the child were committed to [specify]: _____

A certified copy of the order terminating parental rights is attached and made part of this petition.

3. The order committing guardianship and custody of the child had been based upon an adjudication upon the following grounds:

- The parent or parents, whose consent to the adoption of the child would otherwise be required, was/were found to have abandoned such child for the period of six months immediately prior to the date on which the petition was filed in the court;
- The parent or parents, whose consent to the adoption of the child would otherwise be required, was/were found to be presently and for the foreseeable future unable, by reason of mental illness or mental retardation, to provide proper and adequate care for a child who had been in the care of an authorized agency for the period of one year immediately prior to the date on which the petition was filed in the court;
- The child was found to be a permanently neglected child;

4. a. The parent(s) whose rights had been terminated and to whom parental rights are sought to be restored consent(s) to the relief requested in this petition.

b. (i) The petitioner in the case in which parental rights were terminated [check box]:

consents to the relief requested in this petition.

refuses to consent to the relief requested in this petition, but such refusal is without good cause because [specify]:

-OR-

(ii) I do not know whether the petitioner in the underlying termination of parental rights proceeding consents to the relief requested in this petition.

c. [Applicable if individual to custody and guardianship was committed was not the petitioner in the termination of parental rights action; check box, if applicable]:

(i) The individual to whom guardianship and custody of the child had been committed:

consents to the relief requested in this petition.

refuses to consent to the relief requested in this petition, but such refusal is without good cause because [specify]:

-OR-

(ii) I do not know whether the individual to whom guardianship and custody of the child had been committed in the underlying termination of parental rights proceeding consents to the relief requested in this petition.

5. The child is fourteen years of age or older, is under the jurisdiction of the Family Court, has not been adopted and consents to the relief requested in this petition.

6. **[REQUIRED: check A and applicable boxes, or B or C]:**

A. I know or have reason to believe that the child who is the subject of this proceeding may be a

Native-American child, who may be subject to the *Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978* (25 U.S.C. §§ 1901-1963), subject to the ultimate determination by the tribe or nation. The following is the basis for my information and belief [specify]:

And the following have been notified [check applicable box(es)]:

parent/custodian [specify name and give notification date]:

tribe/nation [specify name and give notification date]:

United States Secretary of the Interior [give notification date]:

OR

B. I know or have reason to believe that the child who is the subject of this proceeding is not a Native-American child, who may be subject to the *Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978* (25 U.S.C. §§ 1901-1963), subject to the ultimate determination by the tribe or nation. The following is the basis for my information and belief [specify]:

OR

C. I have not yet obtained information indicating whether the child who is the subject of this proceeding is a Native-American child, who may be subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. §§ 1901-1963), subject to the ultimate determination by the tribe or nation, because [specify]:

7. The best interests of the child require the restoration of parental rights of [specify] because [specify]:

8. No previous application has been made to any court or judge for the relief sought herein except [specify, if applicable]:

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner requests an order modifying the order of disposition of the termination of parental rights proceeding to restore parental rights and for such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: .

Agency
(by
Name _____
Title _____)

Print or type name

Signature if Attorney, if any

Attorney's Name (Print or Type)

Attorney's Address and telephone Number

VERIFICATION (Agency)

I am a duly authorized representative of the Petitioner Agency in the above-entitled proceeding and affirm this ___ day of _____, ____, under the penalties of perjury under the laws of New York, which may include a fine or imprisonment, that I am acquainted with the facts and circumstances of the above-entitled proceeding and believe the above statements are true to my own knowledge, except as to those matters stated to be alleged on information and belief and as to those matters I believe them to be true. I understand that this document may be filed in an action or proceeding in a court of law.

Signature/ Print or type name

Agency and Title

VERIFICATION (Individual)

I am the Petitioner in the above-entitled proceeding and affirm this ___ day of _____, _____, under the penalties of perjury under the laws of New York, which may include a fine or imprisonment, that the above statements are true to my own knowledge, except as to those matters stated to be alleged on information and belief and as to those matters I believe them to be true. I understand that this document may be filed in an action or proceeding in a court of law.

Petitioner: Signature

Print or type name