

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
JUVENILE DIVISION
GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO**

In Re: _____

Case No. _____
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I.D. No. _____

**STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING
[R.C. 2151.353(A)(3)]**

1. I/We intend to become the legal custodian of the Child(ren), and I/We am/are able to assume legal responsibility for the care and supervision of the Child(ren).
2. I/We understand that legal custody of the Child(ren) is intended to be permanent in nature and that I/We will be responsible as the custodian for the Child(ren) until a child reaches the age of majority (i.e. age 18). Responsibility as custodian for the child(ren) shall continue beyond the age of majority if, at the time a child reaches the age of majority, that child is pursuing a diploma granted by the board of education or other governing authority, successful completion of the curriculum of any high school, successful completion of an individualized education program developed for the student by any high school, or an age and schooling certificate. Responsibility beyond the age of majority shall terminate when a child ceases to continuously pursue such an education, completes such an education, or is excused from such an education under standards adopted by the state board of education, whichever occurs first.
3. I/We understand that the parents of the Child(ren) have residual parental rights, privileges, and responsibilities, including, but not limited to, the privilege of reasonable visitation, consent to adoption, the privilege to determine the child's religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support.
4. I/We understand that I/We must be present in court for the dispositional hearing in order to affirm that I/We intend to become legal custodian, to affirm that I/We understand the effect of the custodianship before the court, and that I/We will answer any questions that the court or any parties to the case may have.
5. Other:

Your Signature

Print Name

Your Signature

Print Name