

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO
JUVENILE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF:

M.K. DOB: 12-25-19

CASE NO: 20253160

JUDGE HARSHA

INSTRUCTIONS

SHELLEY A. HARSHA
JUVENILE COURT JUDGE
PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO

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TO THE CLERK:

Complaint and Summons

Please issue for service the Affidavit and Notice upon ERICA JORDAN, by posting in accordance with Pickaway County Local Juvenile Rules. The last known address is 403 SHELDON AVENUE, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43207.


Judge Harsha

Prepared by:


Dustin J. Davidson (0104175)
Staff Attorney

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SHELLY R. HARSHA
JUVENILE COURT JUDGE
PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO
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IN THE MATTER OF *M. K.*

[REDACTED]

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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF OHIO

COUNTY OF PICKAWAY, SS:

Affiant, being first duly cautioned and sworn, deposes and states that they are an employee of Pickaway County Job & Family Services, and that the current address of ERICA JORDAN, is unknown and cannot, with reasonable diligence, be ascertained. The last known address is 403 SHELDON AVENUE, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43207. Affiant further states that efforts made to learn the address of said party include attempts to locate through the phone book, requests of family for current address, and attempts by child support and law enforcement to locate the name and address(es) in their records and data banks.

Affiant further states that the service of summons cannot be made and prays for service by posting according to law.



Rachel Davis, Caseworker

Pickaway County Job & Family Services

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence on 12th day of August, 2025.



Notary Public – State of Ohio



Dustin Davidson
Attorney At Law
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My commission has no expiration date
Sec. 147.03 R.C.

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NOTICE

SHELEA A. HARSHA
JUVENILE COURT JUDGE
PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO

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ERICA JORDAN, whose address is unknown, will take notice that a Complaint has been filed in the Juvenile Division of the Court of Common Pleas, Pickaway County Ohio, containing a prayer or request for temporary custody to Pickaway County Job and Family Services. Said Complaint will be heard before the Juvenile Court in Circleville, Ohio, Pickaway County, on October 9th, 2025 @ 9:45 AM, at the Pickaway County Courthouse, Pickaway County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division, 207 South Court Street Circleville, Ohio 43113.

You are hereby notified that:

1. Any party is entitled to a lawyer in all proceedings in Juvenile Court. If a party cannot afford a lawyer and meets certain requirements, the Court will appoint one upon request. If you wish to have a lawyer, but believe you cannot afford one, call Dodie Radcliff at Pickaway County Juvenile Court at 740-474-3117 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, or write the Pickaway County Juvenile Court at Pickaway County Courthouse, 207 South Court Street, Circleville, Ohio 43113.
2. The granting of the Complaint and prayer for temporary custody to Pickaway County Job & Family Services will result in the Parent(s) losing physical and legal custody of the Minor Child until the Court terminates the order or permanently divests the Parent(s) of all parental rights.
3. The granting of an order of protective supervision to Pickaway County Job & Family Services may result in the Parent(s) continuing to have physical and legal custody of the Minor Child under the supervision of Pickaway County Job & Family Services until the Court terminates the order or grants temporary custody to Pickaway County Job & Family Services or another interested party.


Judge Harsha


Deputy Clerk

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO
JUVENILE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
M. K.
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CASE NO.: 20253160

JUDGE HARSHA

Alleged Neglected
and/or Dependent Child

COMPLAINT

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PICKAWAY COUNTY OHIO
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Mikki Vinkovich being first duly cautioned and sworn, states that they have knowledge of a
minor child residing in Pickaway County, to wit:

M.K.

Child: [REDACTED], age 5 years, DOB: 12/25/2019

Resides
with

Mother: Erica Jordan; Address unknown

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Father: Unknown; John Doe

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Legal Custodian Marsha Murphy, 99 Miller Ave, Apt 16, Ashville, Ohio 43103

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- Paternity is
- ☐ established – parents married at birth
 - ☐ established – acknowledgement of paternity affidavit CPR 641981 This
 - ☐ established – genetic testing
 - ☐ not established
 - ☒ unknown

Said minor child appears to be:

☒ A neglected child as defined in ORC §2151.03, that is:

- ☐ (a) Who is abandoned by the child's parents, guardian, or custodian;
- ☐ (b) Who lacks adequate parental care because of the faults or habits of the child's parents, guardian, or custodian;
- ☒ (c) Whose parents, guardian, or custodian neglects the child or refuses to provide proper or necessary subsistence, education, medical or surgical care, or treatment or other care necessary for the child's health, morals, or well-being;

- ☐ (d) Whose parents, guardian, or custodian neglects the child or refuses to provide the special care made necessary by the child's mental condition;
- ☐ (e) Whose parents, legal guardian, or custodian have placed or attempted to place the child in violation of §5103.16 and §5103.17 of the Revised Code;
- ☐ (f) Who, because of the omission of the child's parents, guardian, or custodian, suffers physical or mental injury that harms or threatens to harm the child's health or welfare;
- ☐ (g) Who is subjected to out of home care child neglect.

☐ **An abused child as defined in ORC §2151.031, that is:**

- ☐ (a) Is the victim of "sexual activity" as defined under ORC §2907 where such activity would constitute an offense under that chapter, except that the court need not find any person has been convicted of the offense in order to find that the child is an abused child;
- ☐ (b) Is endangered as defined in ORC §2919.22, except that the court need not find that any person has been convicted under that section in order to find that the child is an abused child;
- ☐ (c) Exhibits evidence of any physical or mental injury or death, inflicted other than by accidental means, or an injury or death which is at variance with the history given of it;
- ☐ (d) Because of the acts of the child's parents, guardian, or custodian, suffers physical or mental injury that harms or threatens to harm the child's health or welfare;
- ☐ (e) Is subject to out-of-home care child abuse.

☒ **A dependent child as defined in ORC §2151.04, that is:**

- ☐ (a) Who is homeless or destitute or without adequate parental care, through no fault of the child's parents, guardian, or custodian;
- ☐ (b) Who lacks adequate parental care by reason of the mental or physical condition of the child's parents, guardian, or custodian;
- ☒ (c) Whose condition or environment is such as to warrant the state, in the interests of the child, in assuming his guardianship;
- ☐ (d) To whom both of the following apply:

(1) He is residing in a household in which a parent, guardian, custodian, or other member of the household committed an act that was the basis for an adjudication that a sibling of the child or any other child who resides in the household is an abused neglected or dependent child.


(2) Because of the circumstances surrounding the abuse or neglect or dependency of the sibling or other child and the other conditions in the household of the child, the child is in danger of being abused or neglected by that parents, guardian, custodian, or member of the household.

The Facts are as follows:

Pickaway County Job and Family Services has had Agency involvement with Legal Custodian since February of 2025. During agency involvement services and aid were provided to the family, including the use of respite care, after the Agency had been contacted due to Legal Custodian struggling to manage the Minor Child's behavioral issues and lack of sleep. On May 29,

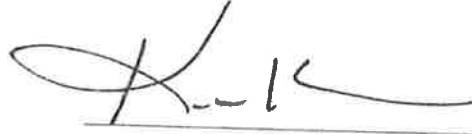
2025, the minor child was found walking on Main Street in Ashville with a t-shirt, no shoes, and underwear walking in the rain. The minor child informed the caseworker that he was going to a friend's house because he felt unwelcome at home and had been instructed to leave. The minor child also said he was locked out of the house. Agency Case worker had spoken to the Legal Custodian who has expressed that she was having hard time handling the minor child due to his behavior. Legal Custodian cited that the medicine the minor child was on was not working, however, legal custodian did not have a filled prescription for the minor child. This is the second occurrence of the Legal Custodian not having a filled prescription for the minor child. This same thing happened when the 30 day agreement for respite care occurred. Agency also has concerns for another child in the Legal Custodian's home, as well as the fact that the family is living in a two bedroom apartment, that is in the Legal Custodian mother's name. There is concern that the living arrangement may violate terms of a HUD agreement, but that the legal custodian has not been evicted due to the children residing in the home.

WHEREFORE, Complainant prays this Court find the child a neglected, and/or dependent as alleged, make a disposition of temporary custody to PCJGS, and make any other orders the Court deems necessary pursuant to R.C. § 2151.353.



Mikki Vinkovich, Caseworker
Pickaway County Job & Family Services
1005 S. Pickaway Street, P.O. Box 610
Circleville, Ohio 43113-0610

Sworn to and subscribed before me on June 2, 2025.



Notary Public



IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO
JUVENILE DIVISION

SUMMONS

In the Matter of: *M. K.*

Case Number: 20253160

AN ALLEGED ABUSED, NEGLECTED and/or DEPENDENT CHILD

To an Officer with Authority to Serve, you are commanded to summon:

Marsha Murphy
99 Miller Ave Apt #16
ASHVILLE, OH 43103

Erica Jordan
403 Sheldon Ave
COLUMBUS, OH 43207

SUMMONS

You are hereby summoned to appear in **Pickaway County Juvenile Court, 207 S. Court Street, Circleville, Ohio 43113** before **Judge Shelly Harsha** within and for said County on **10/09/2025 at 09:45 AM** for the **INITIAL APPEARANCE/ADJUDICATION/FINAL DISPO** on a Complaint filed by Pickaway County Job & Family Services. The sworn complaint filed in this Court is attached.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

1. **Right to Counsel:** You are entitled to a lawyer in all proceedings in Juvenile Court. The Court will appoint a lawyer to provide legal representation if you cannot afford a lawyer and meet certain requirements.
2. The Court may be reached by telephone at (740) 474-3117, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. to arrange for the prompt appointment of counsel for indigent persons. If you wish to be represented by a lawyer, but believe you cannot afford one, please contact the Court as soon as possible. Ohio law requires all persons requesting Court appointed counsel to pay an application fee of \$25.00 within seven (7) days of the request for counsel. If you do not wish to be represented by a lawyer, you must sign a waiver of counsel in open Court.
3. If the Court makes an adjudication of dependency, neglect, or abuse (finds the allegations contained in the attached complaint are true), this may result in one of the following:
 - An award of **permanent custody**, which permanently takes from the parent all parental rights, duties, privileges, and obligations, including the right to consent to the adoption of the child(ren); or
 - Placement of the child in a **planned permanent living arrangement** with a public children services agency or private child placing agency, if a public children services agency or private child placing agency request the Court to place the child in a planned permanent living arrangement and the Court finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that a permanent planned living arrangement is in the best interest of the child and that one the following exist:
 1. The child, because of physical, mental, or psychological problems or needs, is unable to function in a family-like setting and must remain in residential or institutional care.
 2. The parents of the child have significant physical, mental, or psychological problems and are unable to care for the child because of those problems, adoption is not in the best interest of the child, as determined in accordance with division (D) of section 2151.41 (2151.414) of the Revised Code, and the child retains a significant and positive relationship with a parent or relative.
 3. The child is sixteen years of age or older, has been counseled on the permanent placement options available to the child, is unwilling to accept or unable to adapt to a permanent placement, and is in an agency program preparing the child for independent living.

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PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO

- An award of **legal custody** of the child to either parent or to any persons who files a motion requesting legal custody of the child. "Legal custody" means a legal status that vests in the custodian the right to have physical care and control of the child and to determine where and with whom the child shall live, and the right and duty to protect, train, and discipline the child and to provide the child with food, shelter, education, and medical care, all subject to any residual parental rights and responsibilities. An individual granted legal custody shall exercise all rights and responsibilities personally unless otherwise authorized by any section of the Revised Code or by the Court.
- An order of **temporary custody**, which will cause removal of the child from the parent's legal and physical custody until the Court terminates the order or permanently divests the parent of all parental rights.
- An order of **protective supervision**, which will permit the child to remain in the parent's legal and physical custody subject to any conditions and limitations the Court prescribes.
- Order the removal from the child's home until further order of the Court any person who committed abuse as described in Section 2151.031 of the Revised Code against the child, who caused or allowed the child to suffer neglect as described in section 2151.03 of the Revised Code, or who is the parent, guardian, or custodian of a child who is adjudicated a dependent child and order any person not to have contact with the child or the child's siblings.
- An order implementing a **case plan**, a document that sets forth specific goals in a case and the means by which they will be achieved. A case plan generally requires the establishment of general goals for the child consistent with the best interest and special needs of the child, including the establishment of priorities dealing with the best interest of the child. Case plans will usually require visits to the home by caseworkers from Pickaway County Children's Services and may include, but are not limited to, 1) psychological evaluations; 2) parent education classes; 3) substance abuse assessments and treatment; 4) mental health assessments and treatment; 5) domestic violence education; and/or 6) individual and/or family counseling.
- If a parent, guardian, or custodian of the child is bound by the terms of the journalized case plan and fails to comply, the Court can hold that parent, guardian, or custodian in **contempt** of Court for failure to comply. A finding of contempt may result in the imposition of a fine and/or jail sentence.

YOUR RIGHTS:

Regardless of whether you are represented by a lawyer, you have the following rights guaranteed by law unless such rights are waived in open Court:

- You have the right to remain silent.
- You have the right to offer evidence on your own behalf and the right to compel the attendance of witnesses at an adjudicatory hearing by the issuance of subpoenas.
- You have the right to compel the prosecuting attorney to prove its case by clear and convincing evidence.
- You have the right to confront, question, and cross-examine any witnesses presented against you.

RIGHT TO APPEAL:

Upon the filing of a Final Entry, you have the right to appeal to the Fourth District Court of Appeals by filing a written notice of appeal with the Court with a copy delivered to the Clerk of the Court of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the filing of the Judgment Entry. You have the right to a record of the proceedings. If you cannot afford a copy of the records, one will be provided to you at no cost to you.

RULES FOR COURT:

When you appear in Court, you must obey the following rules, as proper decorum is necessary for the administration of the Court's business:

- You must be properly attired at all hearings. Tank tops, shorts, sandals, bare feet, etc. are not acceptable. If you are not properly attired, the Court may order the hearing will not go forward.
- No radio or television transmission, voice recording device (other than that used by the Court), making or taking of pictures, pagers, beepers, or other devices shall be permitted, except on consent of the Court and in accordance with Rule 11 of the Rules of Superintendence.

- Any person entering the Juvenile Court is subject to search. No person carrying a bag, case, or parcel shall be permitted to enter and remain in any courtroom without first submitting such bag, case, or parcel to security personnel for inspection.
- Food, beverages, and smoking is prohibited in the courtroom during all hearings.
- In the event children, who are not parties to the case, must be brought to Court, adequate supervision must be provided. The Court is not responsible for the care of children during Court proceedings.
- Any persons appearing before the Court must refrain from using alcohol or illegal substances prior to their appearance. If a person appears under the influence, they may be prohibited entry to the Court.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT, this Aug 15, 2025.

SHELLY R. HARSHA, JUDGE

BY: *E. Radcliff*

DEPUTY CLERK

THE STATE OF OHIO, Pickaway

RETURN

On the 15th day of August, 2025, I served the same on the within named by _____

prepared for Posting and Mail for
Erica Jordan to: 403 Sheldon Ave, Col, OH 43207