

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**  
**Virginia Department of Social Services**

**ENTRUSTMENT AGREEMENT FOR PERMANENT SURRENDER OF A CHILD**  
(COMPLETE ONE DOCUMENT FOR EACH PARENT)

This Entrustment Agreement for Permanent Surrender of a Child, (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement") is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ in the City/County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, between the Mother \_\_\_\_\_, **or** Father \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (a child under the age of eighteen) born on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, (hereinafter referred to as the "child"), and the City/County of Local Board of Social Services, (hereinafter referred to as the "Board").

The Mother **or** Father, after having been provided an opportunity for counseling and after due consideration of alternative plans for the child, hereby voluntarily agrees to surrender legal custody of the child, which includes all legal rights and obligations with respect to the child, to the Board.

The Mother **or** Father, hereby indicates his/her understanding and acknowledgement that the signing of the Agreement, by all parties, constitutes his/her permanent separation from and termination of all his/her legal rights and obligations to the child, and the child will be free from all legal obligations of obedience and maintenance from them, from the effective date of the Agreement.

It is understood by all parties that this Agreement may be revoked by either of the biological parents until the child has reached ten days old and seven days have elapsed from the signing of this Agreement. It is further understood that this Agreement may be revoked any time prior to the termination of parental rights by the juvenile court following a petition for approval of the entrustment agreement §16.1-277.01, *Code of Virginia*.

The Mother **or** Father hereby grants to the Board full custody over the child, with all rights and responsibilities to plan for the child's future care, protection, maintenance, including the right to place the child for adoption and to consent to the adoption of the child pursuant to §§ 63.2-1221–1223, *Code of Virginia*.

Pursuant to § 63.2-1222, *Code of Virginia*, this Agreement is valid without the signature of the birth father of a child born out of wedlock if the identity of the father is not reasonably ascertainable; or the father has been given notice of the Agreement and failed to object; or the birth father has been convicted of a violation of subsection A of §18.2-61, §18.2-63 or subsection B of §18.2-366, *Code of Virginia*, and the child was conceived as a result of the violation.

The Board hereby accepts legal custody and assumes full responsibility for the child and agrees to care for, maintain, protect and plan for the child in a manner conducive to the best interests of the child and the State.

In witness whereof, all parties received a copy of the Agreement pursuant to § 63.2-1222, *Code of Virginia*.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
**MOTHER or FATHER** **DATE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BOARD** **DATE**

**STATE OF VIRGINIA**  
**COUNTY/CITY OF** \_\_\_\_\_, ss:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a notary  
public in and for the County/City aforesaid, do certify that  
\_\_\_\_\_, whose name is  
signed *first* to the writing above, has acknowledged the same before me on this  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_.

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