

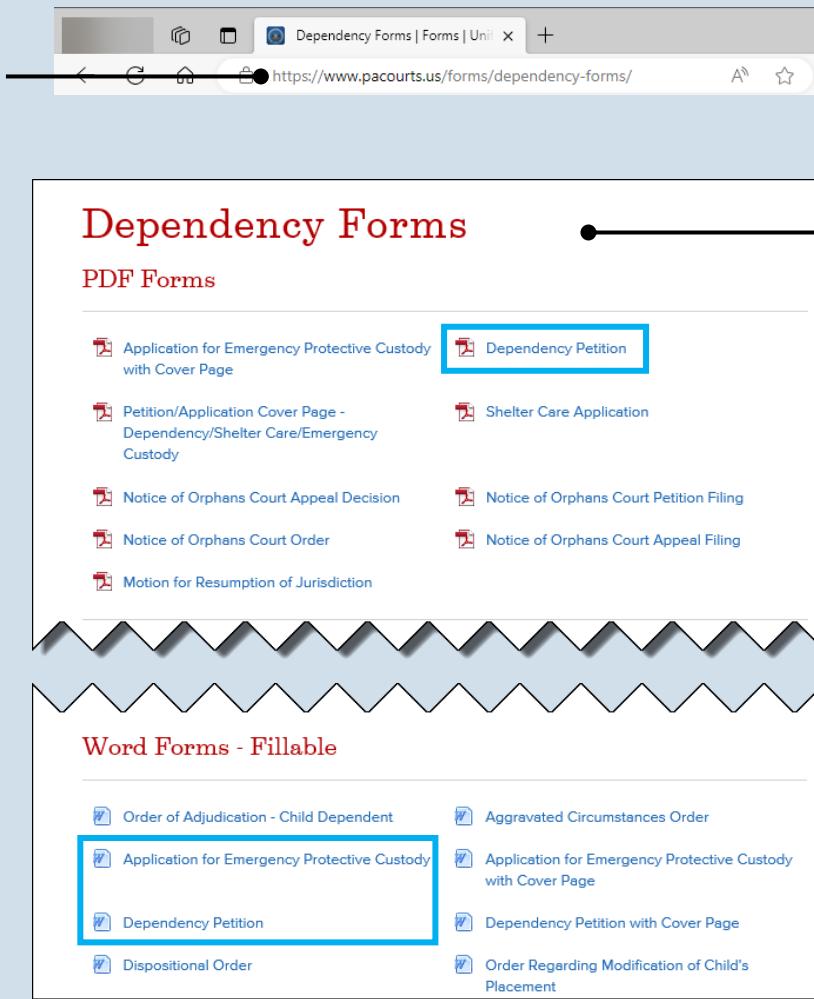
How to Initiate a Dependency Case with a Petition or Application

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1. Locate the petition or application form

Open a new web browser page and enter the following address:

www.pacourts.us/forms/dependency-forms/



Dependency Forms

PDF Forms

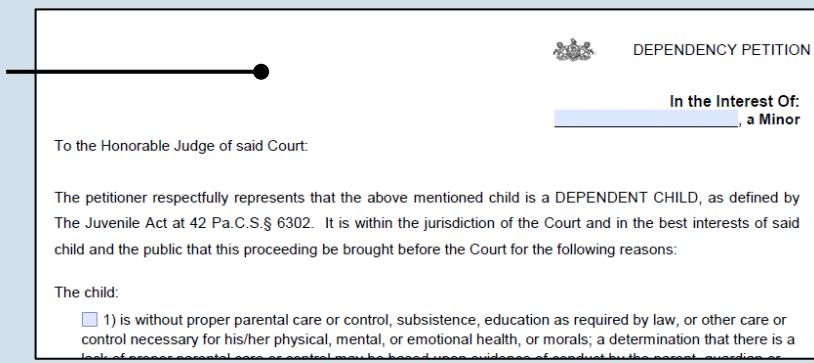
- Application for Emergency Protective Custody with Cover Page
- Dependency Petition
- Petition/Application Cover Page - Dependency/Shelter Care/Emergency Custody
- Shelter Care Application
- Notice of Orphans Court Appeal Decision
- Notice of Orphans Court Petition Filing
- Notice of Orphans Court Order
- Notice of Orphans Court Appeal Filing
- Motion for Resumption of Jurisdiction

Word Forms - Fillable

- Order of Adjudication - Child Dependent
- Aggravated Circumstances Order
- Application for Emergency Protective Custody with Cover Page
- Dependency Petition with Cover Page
- Dependency Petition
- Order Regarding Modification of Child's Placement
- Dispositional Order

3. Complete and save the petition or application for the specified child

Complete the form and save the document to any location on your computer, shared drive, or portable storage device (ex. memory stick).



DEPENDENCY PETITION

To the Honorable Judge of said Court:

The petitioner respectfully represents that the above mentioned child is a DEPENDENT CHILD, as defined by The Juvenile Act at 42 Pa.C.S. § 6302. It is within the jurisdiction of the Court and in the best interests of said child and the public that this proceeding be brought before the Court for the following reasons:

The child:

1) is without proper parental care or control, subsistence, education as required by law, or other care or control necessary for his/her physical, mental, or emotional health, or morals; a determination that there is a ~~lack of proper parental care or control may be based upon evidence of conduct by the parent, guardian or~~

2. Choose a format for the petition or application

Blank forms are available in PDF and Microsoft Word formats (see pictures). You can use either format, but the petition/application must be uploaded to PACFile as a PDF. See the Tips below before deciding.

Tip: There are distinct advantages to using each format. Refer to the PACFile Help System, using the *Help* link on any PACFile screen, for more information.

Tip: A Microsoft Word document can be saved as a PDF. A step-by-step guide for that process can be found in the PACFile Help System by clicking the Common Pleas tab and then the *Step-by-Step Guides* link.

4. Complete additional petitions or applications

If the child has siblings that require a separate petition/application, repeat Steps 2 - 3 as needed.

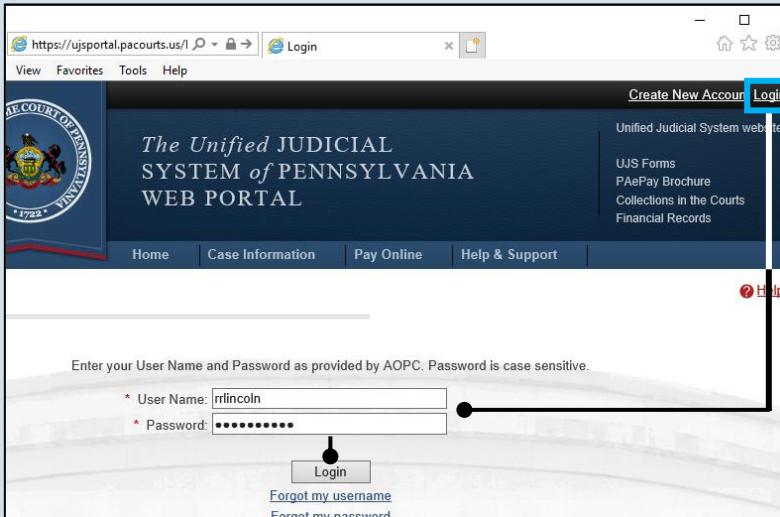
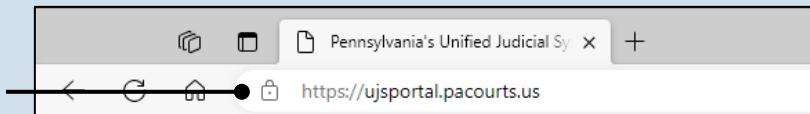
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5. Navigate to the UJS Web Portal

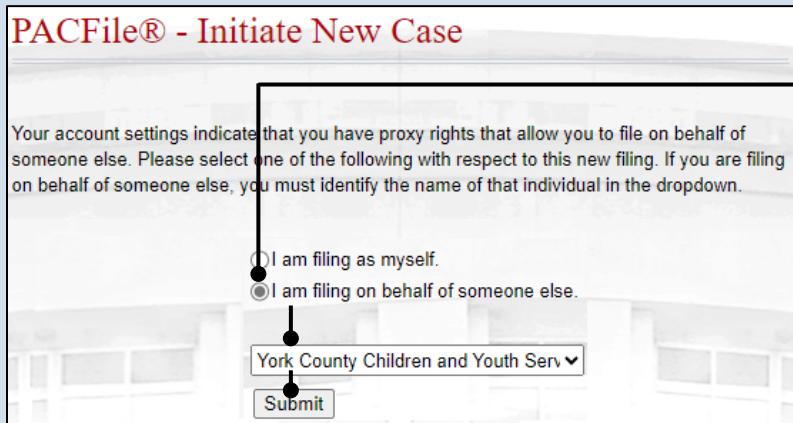
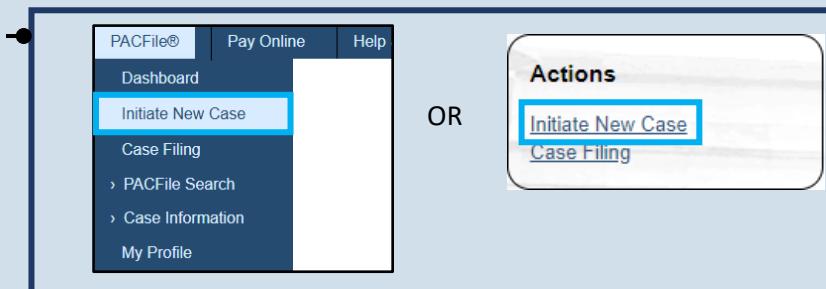
Open a new web browser page and enter the following address:

<https://ujsportal.pacourts.us>



7. Open the case initiation wizard

Click on the 'Initiate New Case' option in the PACFile menu or the *Initiate New Case* link on your Dashboard.



6. Login to the UJS Web Portal

Click the Login link, enter your UJS Web Portal user name and password, and click LOGIN.

8. Select your proxy status

Select the **I am filing on behalf of someone else** radio button, choose the appropriate filing authority from the dropdown, and click SUBMIT. The Select Filing screen displays.

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9. Select a Court Name

Click the **Court Type** dropdown and select 'Court of Common Pleas'.

11. Verify the Docket Type

In the **Docket Type** field, select 'Dependency' or verify that it defaults automatically.

13. Verify the Filing Type

In the **Filing Type** field verify or select the document that is initiating the case.

15. Build from an existing sibling case?

If creating a case for a child who has a sibling with an existing dependency or juvenile case, continue to Step 16.

If creating a case for a child with no siblings, or none with an existing case, select 'No' and proceed to Step 23.

Tip: When applicable, the information on a sibling case can be used to build the new dependency case.

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Select Filing

The beginning of the case initiation process requires the identification of some basic information that names the court in which the case is being filed and the type of document that will facilitate the new case. All fields prefixed with a star (*) are required.

Court Type: Court of Common Pleas
* County: York
* Docket Type: Dependency
* Case Category: Dependency - Abuse/Neglect
* Filing Type: Dependency Petition
Description:
Submit

10. Select a County

Click on the **County** dropdown and select the county court in which the dependency case is being filed.

12. Verify the Case Category

In the **Case Category** field, select 'Abuse/Neglect' or 'Status Offense'.

14. Click SUBMIT

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Click Yes if the child's case can be created from an existing case. This only applies if the existing case is associated to a sibling. Click No if the child has no known siblings with an existing case.

* Do you want to select a Case: Yes
 No
Submit

16. Select 'Yes' and click SUBMIT

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17. Identify the sibling case number

Click in the **Docket Number** field and enter the docket number of the sibling's case.

Tip: If you do not have the exact formatting of the docket number, select the **Build Docket Number** checkbox to use selectable fields to assist in entering the number.

19. Select the case

Within the search results, click the Select Case icon appearing next to the sibling's case.

If this action does not identify any associated cases, proceed to Step 22.

If PACFile identifies associated cases, continue to Step 20.

21. Click OK

23. Does a child need to be added?

If a child needs to be added, click the Add Child icon and continue to Step 24. If not, proceed to Step 26.

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Select Cases

Use the Select Cases button if the child's case can be created from an existing case. This only applies if the existing case is associated to a sibling. Use the Add Child button when the child has no known siblings with an existing case.

* Case Source: Pennsylvania Court
* Search Type: Docket Number
Docket Number: CP-67-DP-0000218-2023
Build Docket Number:

Search

Cases			
Docket Number	Short Caption	Case Status	Filing Date
CP-67-DP-0000218-2023	In the Interest of: Tombesi, Gina, a Minor	Active	10/26/2023 <input type="button" value="D"/>

18. Click SEARCH

Cases			
Docket Number	Short Caption	Case Status	Filing Date
CP-67-DP-0000218-2023	In the Interest of: Tombesi, Gina, a Minor	Active	10/26/2023 <input type="button" value="D"/>

Associated Cases

Docket Number	Short Caption	Case Status	Filing Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CP-67-DP-0000219-2023	In the Interest of: Tombesi, Garrett, a Minor	Active	10/26/2023 <input type="button" value="D"/>

Ok

20. Specify any associated cases

When there are other sibling cases associated with the one you identified in Step 17, they will appear in the Associated Cases grid. Select the checkbox for each case to which the new dependency filing applies.

Reference Cases

Reference Cases	
Docket Number	Short Caption
CP-67-DP-0000218-2023	In the Interest of: Tombesi, Gina, a Minor
CP-67-DP-0000219-2023	In the Interest of: Tombesi, Garrett, a Minor

Children for New Cases

* Last Name	* First Name	Date Of Birth
Tombesi	Gregory	01/01/2006 <input type="button" value="D"/>

Submit

22. Review children

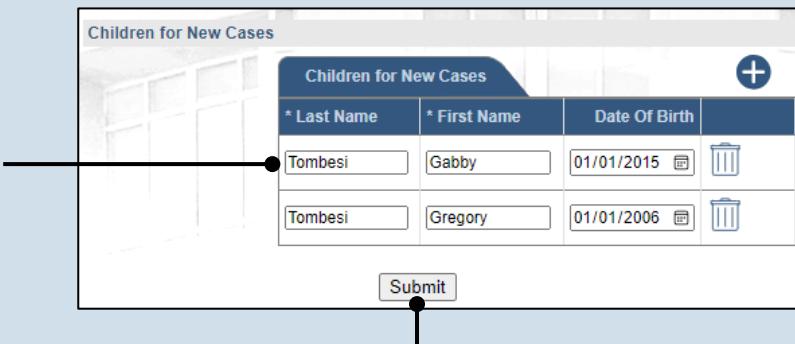
Review the names in the Children for New Cases section. A new dependency case will be created for each name appearing in this grid. If a child appears appropriately, click the Delete icon in the row that corresponds to their name.

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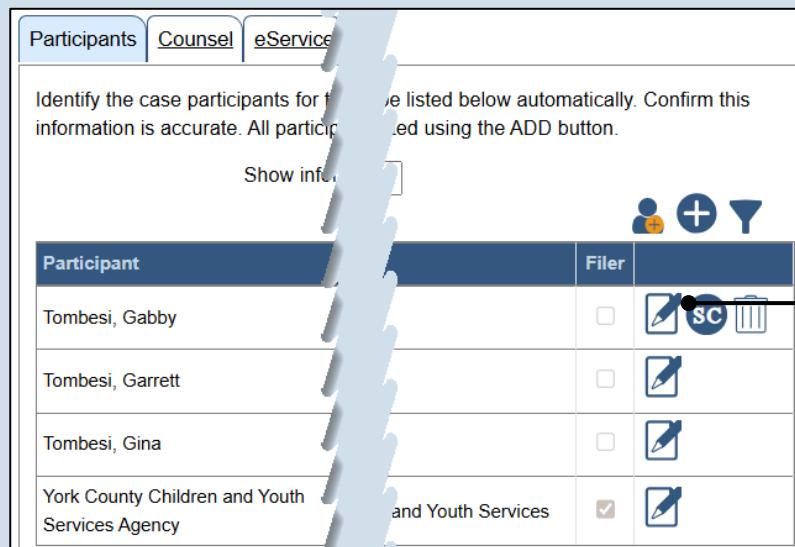
24. Identify the child

A blank row appears in the Children for New Cases grid. Enter the child's first name and last name. The date of birth can be entered if known.



Children for New Cases		
* Last Name	* First Name	Date Of Birth
Tombesi	Gabby	01/01/2015
Tombesi	Gregory	01/01/2006

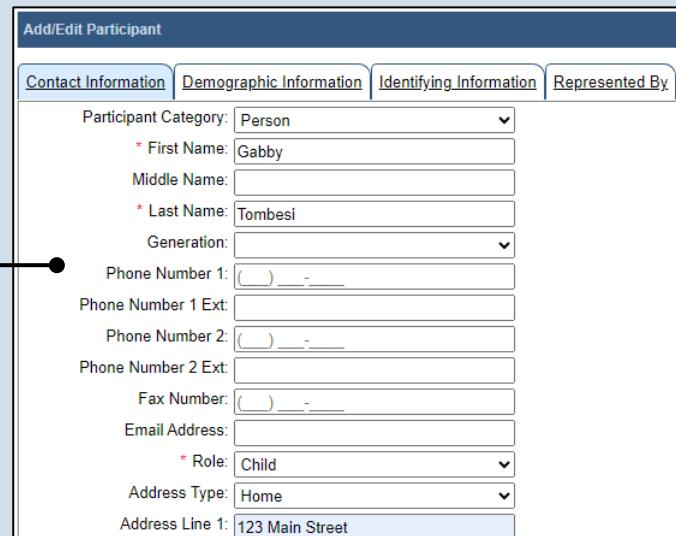
26. Click SUBMIT



Participant	Filer
Tombesi, Gabby	<input type="checkbox"/>   
Tombesi, Garrett	<input type="checkbox"/> 
Tombesi, Gina	<input type="checkbox"/> 
York County Children and Youth Services Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 

28. Edit the child's profile

In the Contact Information tab of the Add/Edit Participant popup screen, enter the address of the child, if known, and any other applicable details.



Add/Edit Participant	
Contact Information	
Participant Category:	Person
* First Name:	Gabby
Middle Name:	
* Last Name:	Tombesi
Generation:	
Phone Number 1:	(____) ____-_____
Phone Number 1 Ext:	
Phone Number 2:	(____) ____-_____
Phone Number 2 Ext:	
Fax Number:	(____) ____-_____
Email Address:	
* Role:	Child
Address Type:	Home
Address Line 1:	123 Main Street

25. Does another child need to be added?

If a dependency case(s) needs to be created for any other sibling(s), repeat Steps 23 - 24.

Tip If there are three or more children, and a parent or legal guardian applies to more than one, but not all children, it is recommended that you complete the wizard for the children in common first and then repeat the process for the remaining children.

27. Edit the child participant

In the Participants tab, click the View/Edit icon for the child that corresponds to the new dependency case. If cases are being created for multiple children, select one.

Tip The appropriate county agency appears on the case automatically.

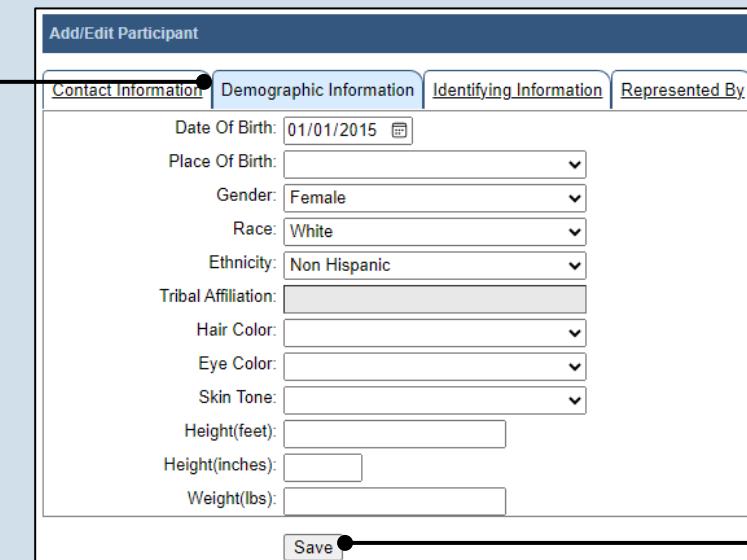
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29. Record the child's demographic details

Click the Demographic Information tab and record additional details, if known.

Tip If available, recording the gender, race, and ethnicity is recommended. This information automatically populates on the Dependency cover page, which is created later in this process.

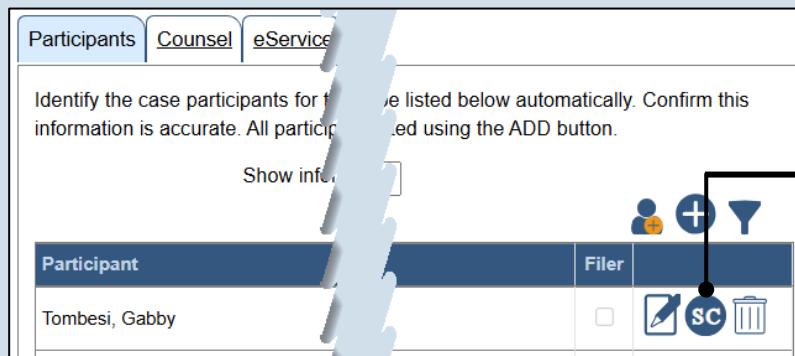


The screenshot shows the 'Add/Edit Participant' form with the 'Demographic Information' tab active. The form includes fields for Date Of Birth (01/01/2015), Place Of Birth, Gender (Female), Race (White), Ethnicity (Non Hispanic), Tribal Affiliation, Hair Color, Eye Color, Skin Tone, Height(feet), Height(inches), and Weight(lbs). A 'Save' button is located at the bottom of the form.

30. Click SAVE

31. Does the child have Autism?

If so, continue to Step 32. If not, proceed to Step 35.

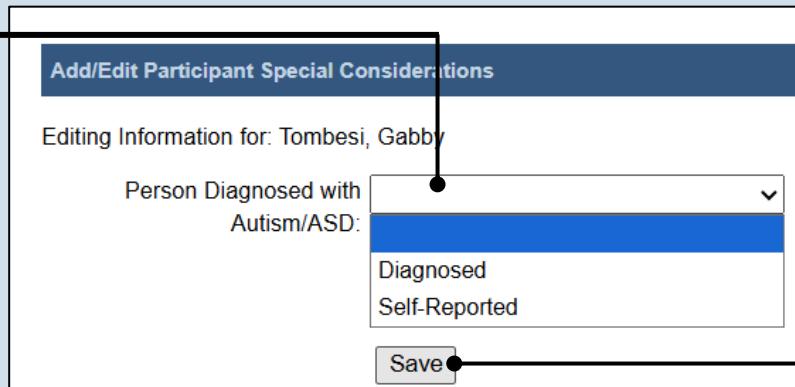


The screenshot shows the 'Participants' list screen with the 'Counsel' tab selected. A participant named 'Tombesi, Gabby' is listed. A 'sc' icon in the 'Special Considerations' column is highlighted with a black box.

32. Click the Special Considerations icon

33. Record the Autism/ASD diagnosis

Select whether the participant has been diagnosed or if the autism is self-reported.



The screenshot shows the 'Add/Edit Participant Special Considerations' form. The 'Person Diagnosed with Autism/ASD' dropdown is set to 'Autism/ASD'. The 'Diagnosed' option is selected. A 'Save' button is located at the bottom of the form.

34. Click SAVE

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35. Edit any other child records

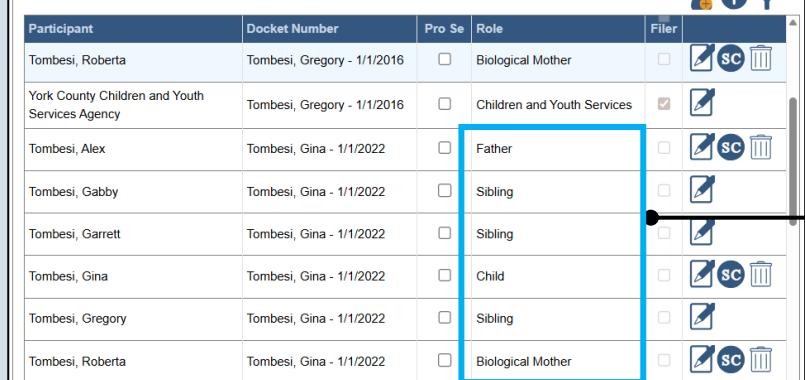
Repeat Steps 27 -34, as needed, for any other participants in the role of 'Child'.

37. Additional participants needed?

If a participant needs to be added to the case, continue to Step 38.

If no additional participants need to be added, proceed to Step 47.

39. Click the Add Participant icon

Participants	Counsel	eService	Filing Documents	Verification
Identify the case participants for the new dependency case. Some participants may be listed below automatically. Confirm this information is accurate. All participants that do not appear automatically must be created using the ADD button.				
Show information for: ALL				
				
Participant	Docket Number	Pro Se	Role	Filer
Tombesi, Roberta	Tombesi, Gregory - 1/1/2016	<input type="checkbox"/>	Biological Mother	  
York County Children and Youth Services Agency	Tombesi, Gregory - 1/1/2016	<input type="checkbox"/>	Children and Youth Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 
Tombesi, Alex	Tombesi, Gina - 1/1/2022	<input type="checkbox"/>	Father	  
Tombesi, Gabby	Tombesi, Gina - 1/1/2022	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sibling	  
Tombesi, Garrett	Tombesi, Gina - 1/1/2022	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sibling	  
Tombesi, Gina	Tombesi, Gina - 1/1/2022	<input type="checkbox"/>	Child	  
Tombesi, Gregory	Tombesi, Gina - 1/1/2022	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sibling	  
Tombesi, Roberta	Tombesi, Gina - 1/1/2022	<input type="checkbox"/>	Biological Mother	  

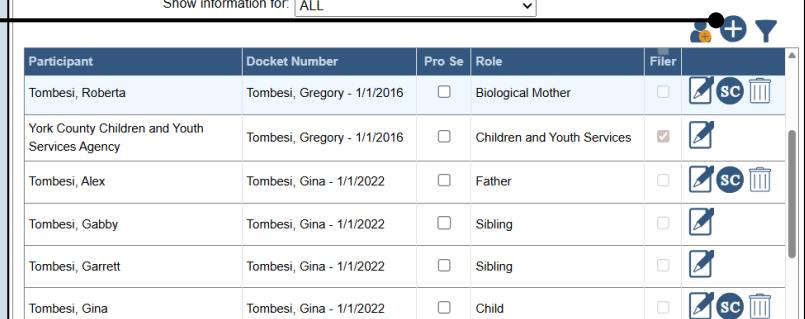
36. Review and edit other default participants

In the Participants tab, if any other participant defaulted on the case automatically, excluding the county agency, click the corresponding View/Edit icon and use Steps 27 - 34 as a guide to verify/update the record.

Tip If a participant appears multiple times, like a parent, it is only necessary to verify/update one instance of that participant.

38. Does the participant apply to multiple cases?

If creating multiple cases at once, click on the **Show information for** dropdown and decide whether the new participant applies to all children or a single child.

Participants	Counsel	eService	Filing Documents	Verification
Identify the case participants for the new dependency case. Some participants may be listed below automatically. Confirm this information is accurate. All participants that do not appear automatically must be created using the ADD button.				
Show information for: ALL				
				
Participant	Docket Number	Pro Se	Role	Filer
Tombesi, Roberta	Tombesi, Gregory - 1/1/2016	<input type="checkbox"/>	Biological Mother	  
York County Children and Youth Services Agency	Tombesi, Gregory - 1/1/2016	<input type="checkbox"/>	Children and Youth Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 
Tombesi, Alex	Tombesi, Gina - 1/1/2022	<input type="checkbox"/>	Father	  
Tombesi, Gabby	Tombesi, Gina - 1/1/2022	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sibling	  
Tombesi, Garrett	Tombesi, Gina - 1/1/2022	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sibling	  
Tombesi, Gina	Tombesi, Gina - 1/1/2022	<input type="checkbox"/>	Child	  

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40. Enter the participant name

In the Contact Information tab of the Add/Edit Participant popup screen, enter the name of the participant in the **First Name** and **Last Name** fields.

Add/Edit Participant

Contact Information **Demographic Information** **Identifying Information** **Represented By**

Participant Category: Person

* First Name: Lillith

Middle Name:

* Last Name: Lopicollo

Generation:

Phone Number 1: (484) 123-4567

Phone Number 1 Ext:

Phone Number 2: () -

Phone Number 2 Ext:

Fax Number: () -

Email Address: EllLo@gmail.com

* Role: Aunt

Address Type: Home

Address Line 1: 876 Main Street

Address Line 2: Apt. 3a

Address Line 3:

City: Hazelton

State: Pennsylvania

Zip Code: 18202

International Region:

Postal Code:

Country:

Save

42. Enter the address of the participant (if known)

41. Add the participant role

Click on the **Role** dropdown and select the appropriate option.

44. Enter any information about the participant

Tip: None, some, or all of the fields in this tab can be completed based on the information available.

Add/Edit Participant

Contact Information **Demographic Information** **Identifying Information** **Represented By**

Date Of Birth: 04/01/1949

Place Of Birth:

Gender:

Race:

Ethnicity:

Tribal Affiliation:

Hair Color:

Eye Color:

Skin Tone:

Height(feet):

Height(inches):

Weight(lbs):

Save

43. Click the Demographic Information tab

45. Click SAVE

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46. Create additional participant records

Repeat steps 38 - 45, as needed, for any other individuals who need to be added to the case.

Tip Be sure to specify the appropriate role for each individual.

Tombesi, Gina	Tombesi, Gabby - 1/1/2015	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sibling	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tombesi, Gregory	Tombesi, Gabby - 1/1/2015	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sibling	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tombesi, Roberta	Tombesi, Gabby - 1/1/2015	<input type="checkbox"/>	Biological Mother	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Next Save

47. Click NEXT

48. Does an attorney need to be added?

If an attorney needs to be added, continue to Step 49. If no attorneys need to be added, proceed to Step 57.

Tip This step applies whether one or multiple cases are being created.

If participant representation is known, attorneys may be identified by clicking the button. If representation is unknown, the identification of counsel is not required.

Show information for: **ALL**

Counsel	Docket	Actions
York County Office of Children, Youth and Families Solicitor's Office	Tombesi, Gabby - 1/1/2015	
York County Office of Children, Youth and Families Solicitor's Office	Tombesi, Gabby - 1/1/2015	
York County Office of Children, Youth and Families Solicitor's Office	Tombesi, Gabby - 1/1/2015	

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49. Initiate the process to add an attorney

In the Counsel tab, click the Add Counsel icon.

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50. Perform a search

In the Add/Edit Counsel popup screen, click on the **Search Type** dropdown and determine how you want to find the attorney that needs to be added to the case. Based on this selection, enter the appropriate number or name in the field below and click the **SEARCH** button.

Add/Edit Counsel

* Search Type: **Last Name**
* Last Name: **James**

Search

	Counsel	PA Bar Number	Law Firm
<input type="radio"/>	James, Ryan Harrison	313049	
<input type="radio"/>	James, Shelley Renee	087717	
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	James, Sherman	900013	
<input type="radio"/>	Jameson, William B.	058949	

Select

52. Click SELECT

Add/Edit Counsel

Contact Information **Representing**

Participant Category: **Person**
* First Name: **Sherman**
Middle Name: _____
* Last Name: **James**
Generation: _____
PA Bar Number: **900013**
Phone Number 1: **(717) 123-4567**
Phone Number 1 Ext: **6543**
Phone Number 2: **() -**
Phone Number 2 Ext: _____
Fax Number: **() -**
Email Address: **900013@test.ars**
Address Type: **Mailing**
Address Line 1: **123 Main Street**
Address Line 2: _____
Address Line 3: _____
City: **Camp Hill**
State: **Pennsylvania**
Zip Code: **17111**
International Region: _____
Postal Code: _____
Country: _____

Save

51. Identify the attorney

Based on your search results, identify the attorney you want to add to the case by clicking the radio button that appears next to their name.

53. Verify the contact details

The information that appears on the Contact Information tab is based on what is on file with the Pennsylvania Disciplinary Board.

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54. Identify the case participant

Click on the Representing tab and select the checkbox for the appropriate participant.

Add/Edit Counsel

Contact Information Representing

Representing: Tombesi, Garrett (Tombesi, Gregory - 1/1/2006, Sibling)
 Tombesi, Alex (Tombesi, Gregory - 1/1/2006, Father)
 Tombesi, Roberta (Tombesi, Gregory - 1/1/2006, Biological Mother)
 Tombesi, Gina (Tombesi, Gregory - 1/1/2006, Sibling)
 Tombesi, Gregory (Tombesi, Gregory - 1/1/2006, Child)
 York County Children and Youth Services Agency (Tombesi, Gregory - 1/1/2006, Services)
 Tombesi, Gabby (Tombesi, Gregory - 1/1/2006, Sibling)
 Lopicollo, Lillieh (Tombesi, Gregory - 1/1/2006, Aunt)
 Tombesi, Gina (Tombesi, Garrett - 1/1/2006, Sibling)
 Tombesi, Roberta (Tombesi, Garrett - 1/1/2006, Biological Mother)
 Tombesi, Alex (Tombesi, Garrett - 1/1/2006, Father)
 Tombesi, Garrett (Tombesi, Garrett - 1/1/2006, Child)
 Tombesi, Gregory (Tombesi, Garrett - 1/1/2006, Sibling)
 Tombesi, Gabby (Tombesi, Garrett - 1/1/2006, Sibling)
 York County Children and Youth Services Agency (Tombesi, Garrett - 1/1/2006, Services)
 Lopicollo, Lillieh (Tombesi, Garrett - 1/1/2006, Aunt)
 Tombesi, Roberta (Tombesi, Gabby - 1/1/2015, Biological Mother)
 Tombesi, Garrett (Tombesi, Gabby - 1/1/2015, Sibling)
 Tombesi, Gregory (Tombesi, Gabby - 1/1/2015, Sibling)
 Tombesi, Alex (Tombesi, Gabby - 1/1/2015, Father)
 Tombesi, Gina (Tombesi, Gabby - 1/1/2015, Sibling)
 Tombesi, Gabby (Tombesi, Gabby - 1/1/2015, Child)
 York County Children and Youth Services Agency (Tombesi, Gabby - 1/1/2015, Services)
 Lopicollo, Lillieh (Tombesi, Gabby - 1/1/2015, Aunt)

Save

55. Click SAVE

56. Add other attorneys

Repeat Steps 49 - 55, as needed, to add any other attorneys to the filing.

Participants Counsel eService Filing Documents Verification

If participant representation is known, attorneys may be identified and associated. If representation is unknown, the identification of counsel is not required.

Show information for: ALL

Counsel	Docket Number	Actions
James, Sherman	Tombesi, Gregory	
York County Office of Children, Youth and Families Solicitor's Office	Tombesi, Gregory - Services Agency	
James, Sherman	Tombesi, Gabby	
York County Office of Children, Youth and Families Solicitor's Office	Tombesi, Gabby - Services Agency	
James, Sherman	Tombesi, Gabby	
York County Office of Children, Youth and Families Solicitor's Office	Tombesi, Gabby - Services Agency	

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57. Click NEXT

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58. Identify eService recipients

In the eService tab, select the checkboxes for any eligible recipients that should receive electronic service upon submission of the filing.

Tip Some of the eligible recipients may be selected to receive eService automatically, but this can be changed at your discretion.

60. Generate the Proof(s) of Service

Before proceeding in the PACFile wizard, you must create your proof of service document(s). This task needs to be completed outside of PACFile in a program of your choosing. Be sure to include any individuals notified via eService and save this document as a PDF.

Tip If filing multiple petitions, create separate proof of service documents for each.

Tip Click the SAVE button in the wizard. If you logout of PACFile before continuing this process, your filing can be found under the Saved Filings tab on your Dashboard.

Select any of the eligible recipients that should receive electronic service upon submission of this filing. Some recipients may be defaulted to receive eService automatically, but this setting can be changed at your discretion.

Case Participants

Name
No results found

Attorneys

Name
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> York County Office of Children, Youth

Others

Name
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> York County Juvenile Probation
<input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Division - York

Previous Next Save

59. Click NEXT

Based on the filing type selected in the Filing Type tab, the corresponding document(s) to below.

You must upload at least one electronic file for each required document. Before uploading information section below the grid, to view the electronic filing requirements. To upload an electronic filing Documents icon that appears on the filing row.

It is possible to add other filing types that are not listed below. Click the Add Optional Filing if you want to include in your submission and to upload the electronic document.

Show information for: Tombesi, Gabby - 1/1/2015

Filing Type(s)

Filing	Is Included	Document(s)
Dependency Petition	✓	
Proof of Service	✓	

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61. Identify a child

In the Filing Documents tab, select or verify the option in the **Show filing information for** dropdown. Based on your selection, any documents created or uploaded apply to the selected child or to all children.

Tip When cases are being created for multiple children, it may be necessary to select each child individually through this dropdown so any unique documents are only associated with the appropriate child.

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62. Initiate the process to complete the cover page

Click on the Dependency Cover Page icon in the grid. The Fillable Forms popup screen displays.

Participants Counsel eService Filing Documents Verification

Based on the filing type selected in the Filing Type tab, the corresponding document(s) that must be uploaded are listed below.

You must upload at least one electronic file for each required document. Before uploading, click the Add Filing Type button in the Filing Type grid, to view the electronic filing requirements. To upload an electronic document, click the **F** icon that appears on the filing row.

It is possible to add other filing types that are not listed below. Click the Add Filing Type button in the Filing Type grid to include in your submission and to upload the electronic document.

Show information for: Tombesi, Gabby - 1/1/2015

Filing Type(s)	Is Included	Document(s)
Dependency Petition	✓	
Proof of Service	✓	

Fillable Form

Docket Number:
FID:

CASE INFORMATION

Type of Dependency: The child named above comes within the jurisdiction of the court as defined by The Juvenile Act at 42 Pa.C.S. §6302.

Abuse and/or Neglect

(1) is without proper care or control
 (2) has been placed for care or adoption in violation of law
 (3) has been abandoned
 (4) is without a parent, guardian, or legal custodian
 (10) is born to a parent whose parental rights with regard to another child have been involuntarily terminated

Abuse

The petition alleges that the above named child is a victim of child abuse as defined at 23 Pa.C.S. §6303

Status Offense

(5) while subject to compulsory school attendance is habitually and without justification truant from school
 (6) has committed a specific act or acts of habitual disobedience
 (7) is under the age of ten years and has committed a delinquent act
 (8) has been formerly adjudicated dependent, and is under the jurisdiction of the court
 (9) has been referred pursuant to section 6323 (relating to informal adjustment), and who commits an act which is defined as ungovernable in paragraph (6)

Protective Custody

Child is in Protective Custody (removed from the home) and under supervision of the county agency:

CHILD'S PARENTS AND/OR OTHER LEGAL GUARDIAN OR CUSTODIAN

Guardian's Relationship: Mother's whereabouts unknown
 Father's whereabouts unknown
 Guardian's whereabouts unknown
 Closest Relative - If whereabouts unknown for Parents and Guardian

Ok **View Draft**

64. Preview the cover page

Click **VIEW DRAFT** any time to generate the PDF of the cover page.

Tip When finished with the preview, close the PDF. If needed, make changes to the Fillable Form popup screen, or click **OK** to return to filing and make additional changes to any tab. Return to the Fillable Form screen and click **VIEW DRAFT** again to review the changes.

63. Complete the information for the cover page

Tip Additional fields display when some fields are completed. Record all available information.

65. Click OK

Tip The Dependency Cover Page icon  in the grid updates and displays a pencil to indicate you have accessed the Fillable Form screen.

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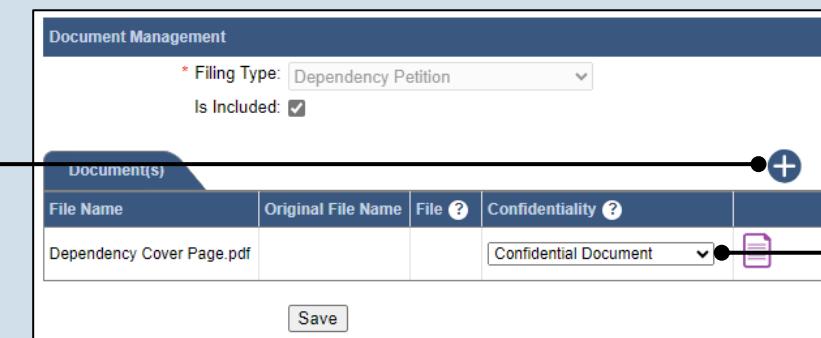
66. Access the Document Management screen

In the Filing Documents tab, click the Manage Document icon in the grid for the Dependency Petition.



68. Initiate the process to upload the petition or application

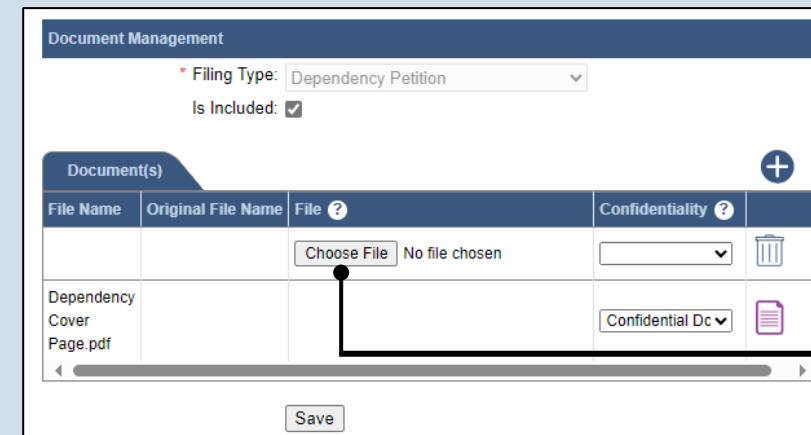
Click the Add Document icon above the grid. A new, blank row displays in the grid.



70. Upload the electronic version of the filing

In the popup screen that appears, locate the electronic version of the petition/application that you saved in Step 3. Select the file and click OPEN.

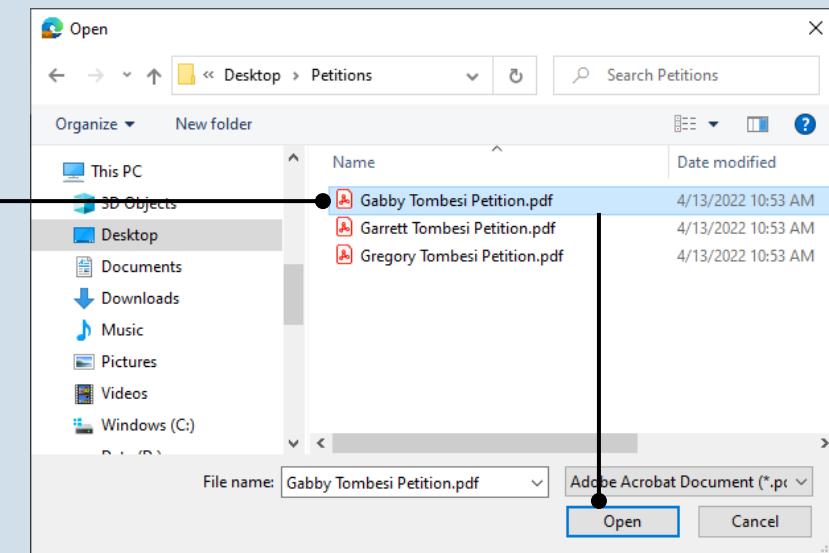
Tip: This document must correspond to the child(ren) selected in the Show filing information for dropdown.



67. (Optional) Select a confidentiality

In the Document Management popup screen, click on the dropdown and choose the appropriate confidentiality for the document.

69. Click CHOOSE FILE

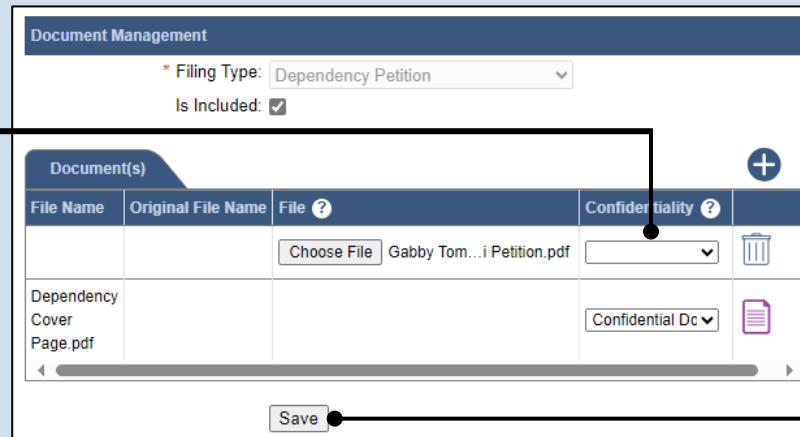


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71. Select a confidentiality

In the Document Management popup screen, click on the dropdown and choose the appropriate confidentiality for the petition or application.



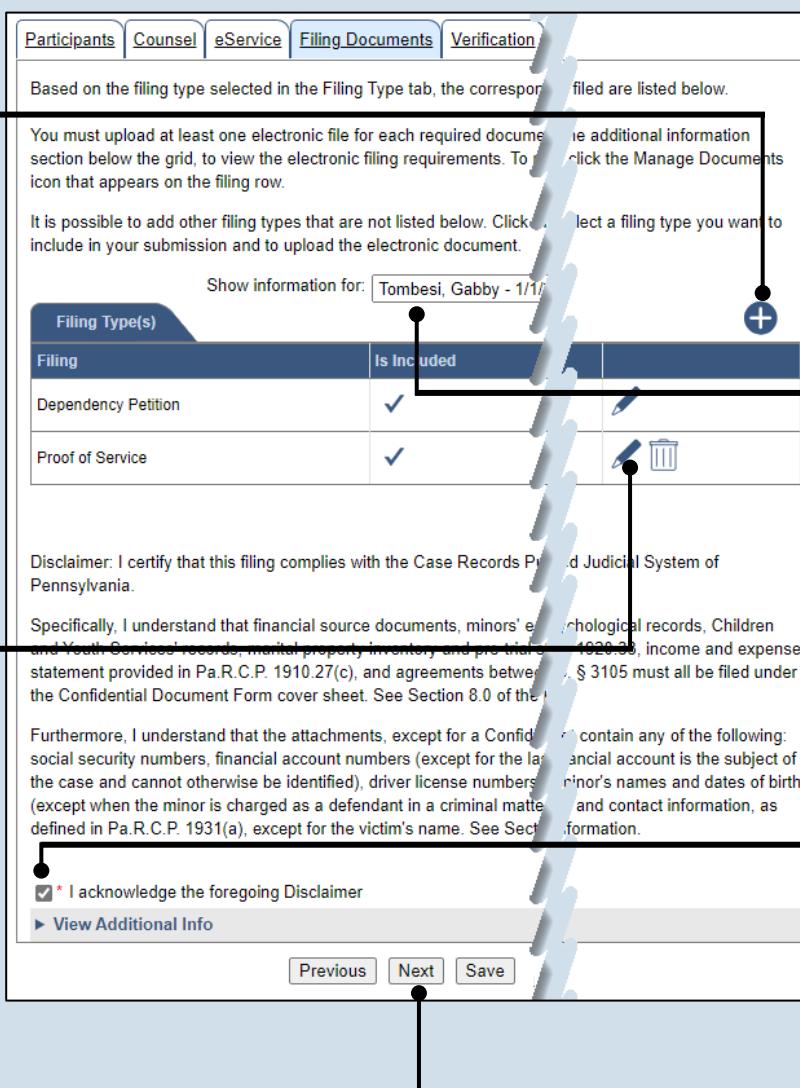
The screenshot shows the 'Document Management' screen. At the top, the 'Filing Type' is set to 'Dependency Petition' and 'Is Included' is checked. Below this is a table titled 'Document(s)' with columns for 'File Name', 'Original File Name', 'File', and 'Confidentiality'. A file named 'Gabby Tom...i Petition.pdf' is listed with 'Confidential Dc' selected in the dropdown. A large blue arrow points from the 'Confidentiality' dropdown in the text above to the same dropdown in the screenshot.

73. (Optional) Add another filing type & document

If there are additional documents to file now, click on the Add Optional Filing icon. On the Document Management popup screen, choose the appropriate filing type, and then use Steps 68 - 72 as a guide to upload the electronic document for that filing.

75. Upload the proof of service

Click on the Mange Documents icon appearing to the right of the Proof of Service filing type in the grid and use Steps 70 - 72 as a guide to add the document.



The screenshot shows the 'Filing Documents' screen. At the top, tabs for 'Participants', 'Counsel', 'eService', 'Filing Documents', and 'Verification' are visible. The 'Filing Documents' tab is active. Below this is a grid titled 'Filing Type(s)' with columns for 'Filing' and 'Is Included'. Two rows are shown: 'Dependency Petition' with 'Is Included' checked, and 'Proof of Service' with 'Is Included' checked. A large blue arrow points from the 'Is Included' checkboxes in the text above to the same checkboxes in the screenshot.

77. Click NEXT

72. Click SAVE

74. Identify a child

If creating dependency cases for multiple children, select the next child in the **Show filing information** for dropdown and repeat Steps 62 - 72.

You can also select 'All Cases' to apply documents to all available children.

76. Certify the filing

Select the checkbox that signifies that the filing complies with the provisions of the Public Access Policy.

Tip You can locate the Public Access Policy at the following web address:

<http://www.pacourts.us/public-records/public-records-forms>

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78. Verify filing details

In the Verification tab, review the filing information that you have recorded for accuracy. If anything is incorrect, click on the appropriate tab and make the necessary changes.

When the filing is correct, click the **VERIFY** button.

Tip Click the Summary Report icon to generate the Verification Summary Report. You can print or save the report for your records.

The screenshot shows the 'Verification' tab of the PACFile interface. At the top, there is a summary message: 'A summary of your filing is displayed. Make sure all the information displayed is accurate and that your To Do List is complete. If anything is incorrect, click the appropriate tab and make the necessary changes.' Below this is a table titled 'Filers' with three rows of data:

IFP Status	Filer(s)	Role	Counsel
	York County Office of Children, Youth and Families Agency	Children and Youth Services	York County Office of Children, Youth and Families Solicitor's Office
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Below the filer table is a section titled 'Referenced Case Filings' showing three entries:

Docket Number	Viewable To	Document Name	Upload Date/Time	Is Sealed	Filing Fee
Tombesi, Gregory - 1/1/2006			11/20/2023 04:59 PM 11/20/2023 04:02 PM		\$0.00
Tombesi, Garrett - 1/1/2006			11/20/2023 04:59 PM 11/20/2023 04:02 PM		\$0.00
Tombesi, Gabby - 1/1/2015			11/20/2023 04:59 PM 11/20/2023 04:02 PM		\$0.00

At the bottom of this section are 'Previous', 'Save', and 'Verify' buttons. The 'Verify' button is highlighted with a blue box.

80. Certify the filing

Select the checkbox that signifies that the filing complies with the provisions of the Public Access Policy.

Tip You can locate the Public Access Policy at the following web address:

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The screenshot shows the 'Payment and Submission' page. At the top, it says 'The filing(s) you have prepared is ready for submission. Select the appropriate verification action and/or filing or complete the appropriate routing information.' Below this is a 'Public Access Policy Certification' section with a checkbox labeled 'I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the Case Records Public Access Policy of the court. I require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.' A checkbox labeled 'Certify: ' is checked.

Below this is a section titled 'Choose an action below.' with a dropdown menu. The 'Action:' field is set to 'Request For Approval' and the 'Recipient(s):' field is set to 'Submit to Court'. Both of these are highlighted with a blue box.

At the bottom of the page, there is a note: 'When you select an action other than 'Submit to Court', this optional field can be used to communicate the intent of the filing. Any text you enter will not be submitted to or seen by the court.' There is also a 'Notes:' text area.

79. Review the submitted filings

Verify that the correct filing information appears on the Payment and Submission page.

81. Choose an action

Select one of the following options from the **Action** field and proceed to the corresponding step:

- 'Request for Approval' – Select if the filing requires supervisory approval prior to submission. Continue to Step 82.
- 'Submit to Court' – Select if the filing can be submitted without additional approval. Proceed to Step 83.

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82. Identify an approver

In the **Recipients** field, select one or more individuals who have the authority to approve the filing.

Tip: To select multiple recipients, press and hold the *[Ctrl]* key while clicking on each name.

Tip: This action indicates your request for approval and forwards the filing to the authorized individual(s).

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The filing(s) you have prepared is ready for submission. Select the appropriate verification or complete the appropriate routing information.

Any applicable eService is performed immediately following submission to the court.

Public Access Policy Certification

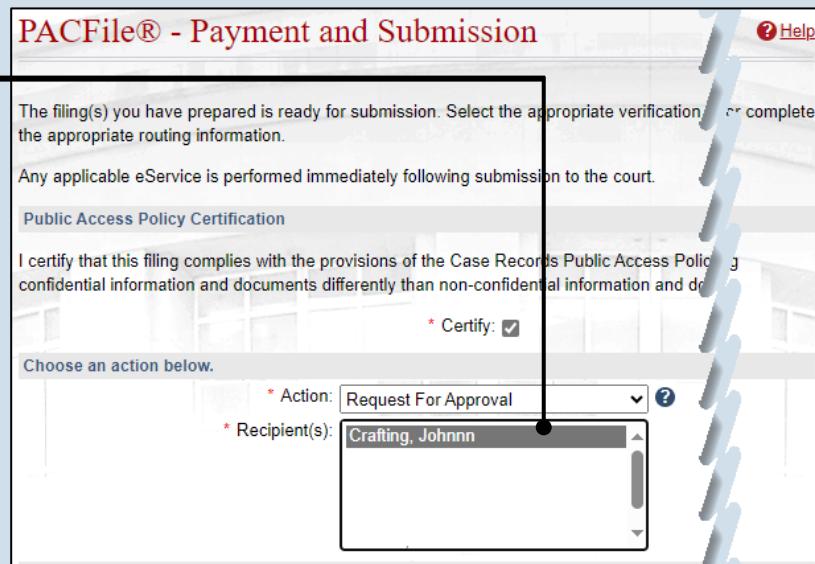
I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the Case Records Public Access Policy regarding confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

* Certify:

Choose an action below.

* Action: Request For Approval

* Recipient(s): Crafting, Johnnn



Package Information

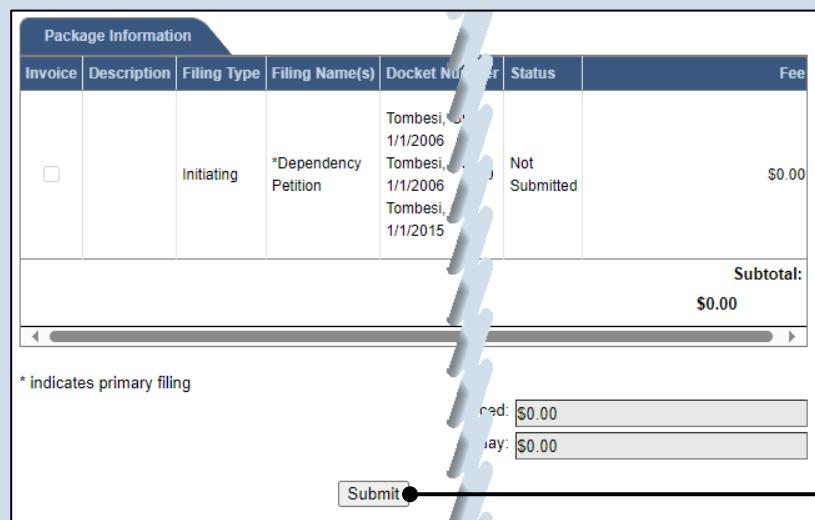
Invoice	Description	Filing Type	Filing Name(s)	Docket Number	Status	Fee
		Initiating	*Dependency Petition	Tombesi, C 1/1/2006 Tombesi, C 1/1/2006 Tombesi, C 1/1/2015	Not Submitted	\$0.00

Subtotal: \$0.00

* indicates primary filing

Prepaid: \$0.00
Pay: \$0.00

Submit



83. Click SUBMIT

This initiates the selected action.