

How to Initiate a Dependency Case with a Petition or Application

PACFile®

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

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.

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

In the Interest Of:
_____, a Minor

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

4. Complete additional petitions or applications

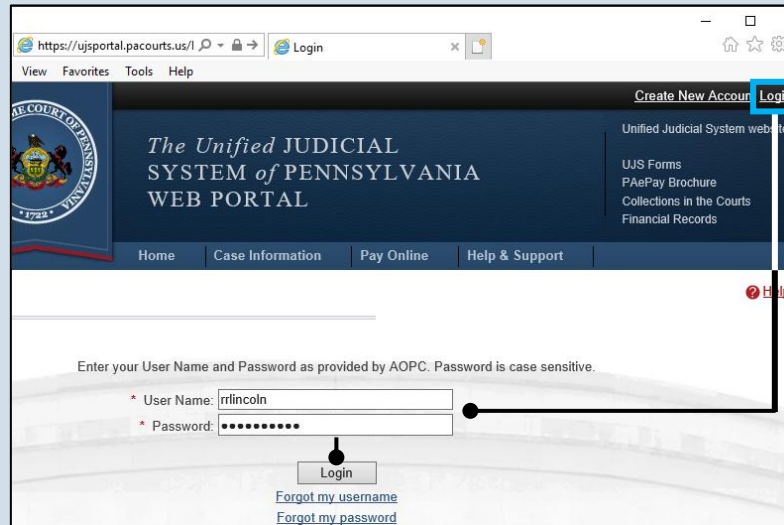
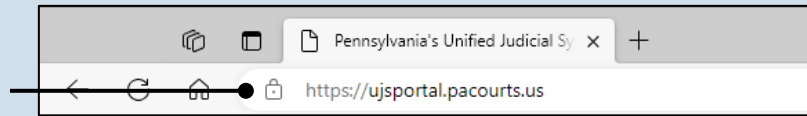
If the child has siblings that require a separate petition/application, repeat Steps 2 - 3 as needed.

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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>

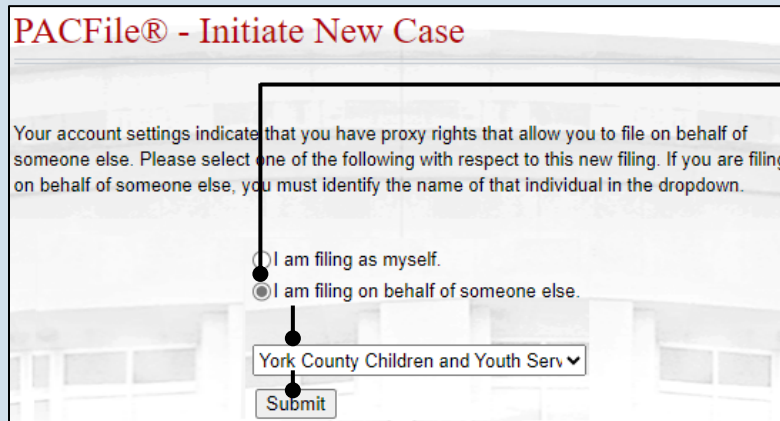
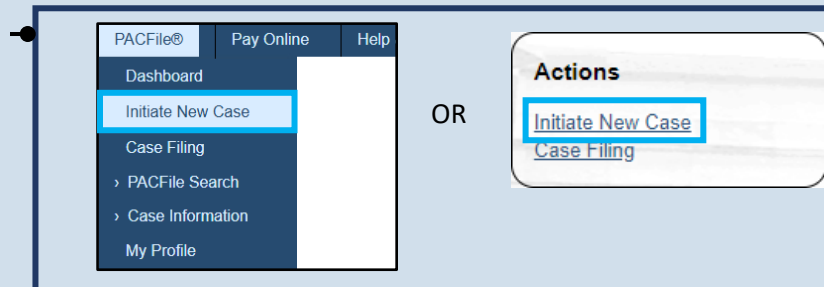


6. Login to the UJS Web Portal

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

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.



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.

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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

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.

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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

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

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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.

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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 Clear

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	


18. Click SEARCH

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.

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	

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	

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.

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.

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	 

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 inappropriately, 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.

* Last Name	* First Name	Date Of Birth	
Tombesi	Gabby	01/01/2015	
Tombesi	Gregory	01/01/2006	

Submit

26. Click SUBMIT

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.

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 Demographic Information Identifying Information Represented By

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

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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 selected. The form contains the following fields: Date Of Birth (01/01/2015), Place Of Birth (dropdown), Gender (Female), Race (White), Ethnicity (Non Hispanic), Tribal Affiliation (dropdown), Hair Color (dropdown), Eye Color (dropdown), Skin Tone (dropdown), Height(feet) (text), Height(inches) (text), and Weight(lbs) (text). A 'Save' button is at the bottom right.

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' tab in the PACFile interface. It displays a table with columns for 'Participant' and 'Filer'. The first row shows 'Tombesi, Gabby' with a checkbox in the 'Filer' column. To the right of the table is a 'Show info' button and a 'Special Considerations' icon (a blue circle with 'SC' and a plus sign).

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. It displays the text 'Editing Information for: Tombesi, Gabby'. Below this is a dropdown menu labeled 'Person Diagnosed with Autism/ASD:' with two options: 'Diagnosed' and 'Self-Reported'. A 'Save' button is at the bottom right.

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.

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	<input type="checkbox"/> [Edit] [SC] [Trash]
York County Children and Youth Services Agency	Tombesi, Gregory - 1/1/2016	<input type="checkbox"/>	Children and Youth Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [Edit]
Tombesi, Alex	Tombesi, Gina - 1/1/2022	<input type="checkbox"/>	Father	<input type="checkbox"/> [Edit] [SC] [Trash]
Tombesi, Gabby	Tombesi, Gina - 1/1/2022	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sibling	<input type="checkbox"/> [Edit]
Tombesi, Garrett	Tombesi, Gina - 1/1/2022	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sibling	<input type="checkbox"/> [Edit]
Tombesi, Gina	Tombesi, Gina - 1/1/2022	<input type="checkbox"/>	Child	<input type="checkbox"/> [Edit] [SC] [Trash]
Tombesi, Gregory	Tombesi, Gina - 1/1/2022	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sibling	<input type="checkbox"/> [Edit]
Tombesi, Roberta	Tombesi, Gina - 1/1/2022	<input type="checkbox"/>	Biological Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> [Edit] [SC] [Trash]

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.

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	<input type="checkbox"/> [Edit] [SC] [Trash]
York County Children and Youth Services Agency	Tombesi, Gregory - 1/1/2016	<input type="checkbox"/>	Children and Youth Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [Edit]
Tombesi, Alex	Tombesi, Gina - 1/1/2022	<input type="checkbox"/>	Father	<input type="checkbox"/> [Edit] [SC] [Trash]
Tombesi, Gabby	Tombesi, Gina - 1/1/2022	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sibling	<input type="checkbox"/> [Edit]
Tombesi, Garrett	Tombesi, Gina - 1/1/2022	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sibling	<input type="checkbox"/> [Edit]
Tombesi, Gina	Tombesi, Gina - 1/1/2022	<input type="checkbox"/>	Child	<input type="checkbox"/> [Edit] [SC] [Trash]

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.

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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.

The screenshot shows the 'Add/Edit Participant' form with the 'Contact Information' tab selected. The form contains the following fields: Participant Category (Person), First Name (Lillieth), 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 (EliLo@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, and Country. A 'Save' button is at the bottom.

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.

The screenshot shows the 'Add/Edit Participant' form with the 'Demographic Information' tab selected. The form contains the following fields: 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), and a 'Save' button.

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"/>	

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.

Participants **Counsel** eService Filing Documents Verification

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

Show information for: ALL

Counsel	Docket	
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	

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.

	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	

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.

52. Click SELECT

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

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, Youth Services)
- ☐ Tombesi, Gabby (Tombesi, Gregory - 1/1/2006, Sibling)
- ☐ Lopicollo, Lillieth (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, Youth Services)
- ☐ Lopicollo, Lillieth (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, Youth Services)
- ☐ Lopicollo, Lillieth (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 with the case. If representation is unknown, the identification of counsel is not required.

Show information for:

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

Previous **Next** **Save**

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.

The screenshot shows the 'eService' tab in the PACFile wizard. At the top, there are tabs for 'Participants', 'Counsel', 'eService', 'Filing Documents', and 'Verification'. Below the tabs, a text box states: '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. For any recipient, be sure to update your proof of service document accordingly.' Below this text are three sections: 'Case Participants', 'Attorneys', and 'Others'. Each section has a table with a 'Name' column and a checkbox. In the 'Attorneys' section, the checkbox for 'York County Office of Children, Youth & Families' is checked. In the 'Others' section, the checkbox for 'York County Juvenile Probation' is checked, and the checkbox for 'Juvenile Division - York' is unchecked. At the bottom right, there are 'Previous', 'Next', and 'Save' buttons. A line points from the 'Next' button to the '59. Click NEXT' text.

59. Click NEXT

The screenshot shows the 'Filing Documents' tab in the PACFile wizard. At the top, there are tabs for 'Participants', 'Counsel', 'eService', 'Filing Documents', and 'Verification'. Below the tabs, a text box states: 'Based on the filing type selected in the Filing Type tab, the corresponding document(s) to upload are listed below. You must upload at least one electronic file for each required document. Before uploading, click the information icon in the section below the grid, to view the electronic filing requirements. To upload an electronic document, click the document 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 Type button to add a filing type you want to include in your submission and to upload the electronic document.' Below this text is a dropdown menu labeled 'Show information for:' with the value 'Tombesi, Gabby - 1/1/2015'. Below the dropdown is a table with the following columns: 'Filing Type(s)', 'Is Included', and 'Document(s)'. The table has two rows: 'Dependency Petition' and 'Proof of Service'. Both rows have a checkmark in the 'Is Included' column and a document icon in the 'Document(s)' column. At the bottom right, there is a '+' button. A line points from the '+' button to the '61. Identify a child' text.

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 you must upload are listed below.

You must upload at least one electronic file for each required document. Before uploading, click on the link in the section below the grid, to view the electronic filing requirements. To upload an electronic document, click on the document 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 Type button to add a new filing type 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		✓	

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.

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

☒ Mother's whereabouts unknown

☐ Father's whereabouts unknown

Guardian's Relationship:

☐ Guardian's whereabouts unknown


☐ Closest Relative - If whereabouts unknown for Parents and Guardian

Ok View Draft

63. Complete the information for the cover page

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

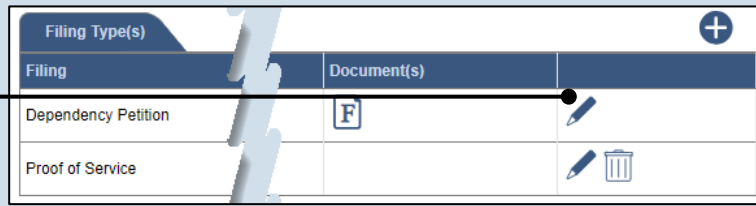
65. Click OK




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

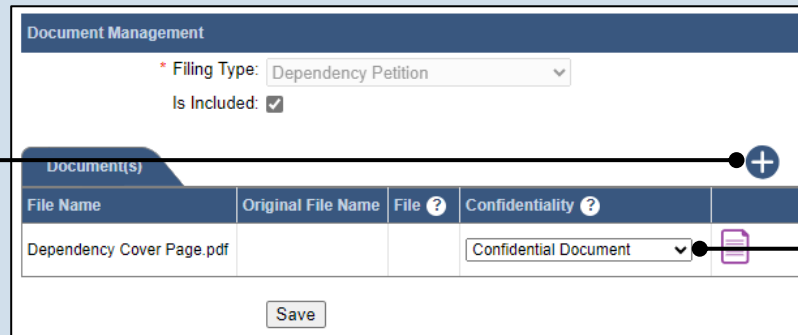
In the Filing Documents tab, click the Manage Document icon in the grid for the Dependency Petition.



Filing Type(s)	Document(s)
Dependency Petition	
Proof of Service	 

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.



Document Management

* Filing Type: Dependency Petition

Is Included: ☒

Document(s)								
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Dependency Cover Page.pdf			Confidential Document					

Save

67. (Optional) Select a confidentiality

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

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.



Document Management

* Filing Type: Dependency Petition

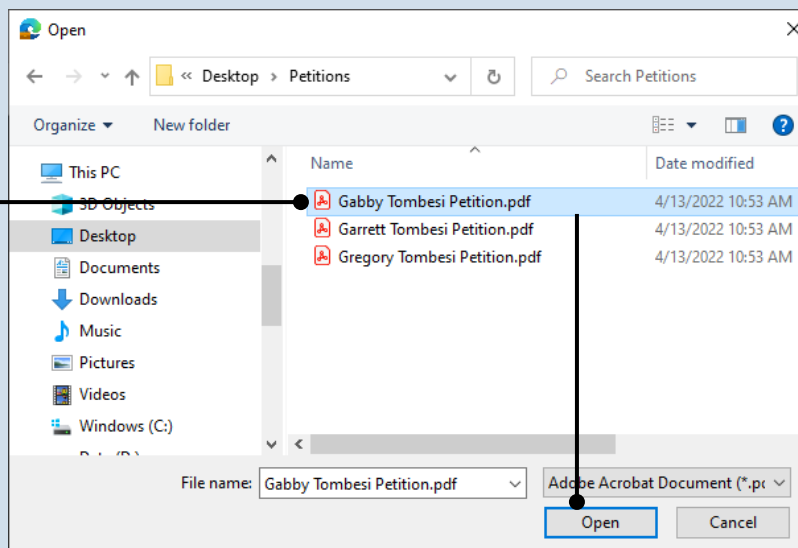
Is Included: ☒

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Save

69. Click CHOOSE FILE

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



Open

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Search Petitions

Organize New folder

Name	Date modified
Gabby Tombesi Petition.pdf	4/13/2022 10:53 AM
Garrett Tombesi Petition.pdf	4/13/2022 10:53 AM
Gregory Tombesi Petition.pdf	4/13/2022 10:53 AM

File name: Gabby Tombesi Petition.pdf

Adobe Acrobat Document (*.pdf)

Open Cancel

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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.

File Name	Original File Name	File	Confidentiality
		Choose File Gabby Tom...i Petition.pdf	Confidential
Dependency Cover Page.pdf			Confidential

72. Click SAVE

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.

Filing	Is Included	
Dependency Petition	✓	
Proof of Service	✓	

Disclaimer: I certify that this filing complies with the Case Records of the Judicial System of Pennsylvania.

Specifically, I understand that financial source documents, minors' educational records, Children and Youth Services' records, marital property inventory and protection orders, income and expense statement provided in Pa.R.C.P. 1910.27(c), and agreements between parties, § 3105 must all be filed under the Confidential Document Form cover sheet. See Section 8.0 of the rules.

Furthermore, I understand that the attachments, except for a Confidential Document Form, contain any of the following: social security numbers, financial account numbers (except for the last four digits), driver license numbers, minor's names and dates of birth (except when the minor is charged as a defendant in a criminal matter), and contact information, as defined in Pa.R.C.P. 1931(a), except for the victim's name. See Section 8.0 of the rules.

☒ I acknowledge the foregoing Disclaimer

View Additional Info

Previous Next 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.

75. Upload the proof of service

Click on the Manage 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.

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

77. Click NEXT

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 in the PACFile interface. It contains a summary of the filing information and a table of referred cases. A blue arrow points to the 'Verify' button at the bottom right of the interface.

IFP Status	Filer(s)	Role	Counsel
	York County Agency	Children and Youth Services	York County Office of Children, Youth and Families Solicitor's Office
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Docket Number	Viewable To	Document Name	Upload Date/Time	Is Sealed	Filing Fee
Tombesi, Gregory - 1/1/2006			1/20/2023 04:59 PM 1/20/2023 04:02 PM		\$0.00
Tombesi, Garrett - 1/1/2006			1/20/2023 04:59 PM 1/20/2023 04:02 PM		\$0.00
Tombesi, Gabby - 1/1/2015			1/20/2023 04:59 PM 1/20/2023 04:02 PM		\$0.00
					\$0.00

Buttons: Previous, Save, Verify

79. Review the submitted filings

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

80. Certify the filing

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

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The screenshot shows the 'PACFile® - Payment and Submission' page. It includes a section for 'Public Access Policy Certification' with a checkbox for 'Certify' which is checked. Below this, there is a dropdown menu for 'Action' and a dropdown menu for 'Recipient(s)'. The 'Action' dropdown is currently set to 'Request For Approval' and the 'Recipient(s)' dropdown is set to 'Submit to Court'. A blue box highlights the 'Request For Approval' option in the 'Action' dropdown. At the bottom, there is a 'Notes' field and a 'Package Information' table.

Package Information

Invoice	Description	Filing Type	Filing Name(s)	Docket Number(s)	Document(s)	Filer(s)	Cre	Fee
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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).

PACFile® - Payment and Submission [Help](#)

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

Invoice	Description	Filing Type	Filing Name(s)	Docket Number	Status	Fee
<input type="checkbox"/>		Initiating	*Dependency Petition	Tombesi, J. 1/1/2006 Tombesi, J. 1/1/2006 Tombesi, J. 1/1/2015	Not Submitted	\$0.00
Subtotal:						\$0.00

* indicates primary filing

Amount Due: \$0.00
Amount Paid: \$0.00

Submit

83. Click SUBMIT

This initiates the selected action.