



Nebraska Immigrant Safety Plan for Youth and Children

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Custodial Options for Family Planning in Nebraska

If you live in Nebraska and need someone else to have the authority to care for your child when you cannot be there, you have two main choices. Each choice gives the person caring for your child different rights and responsibilities. Here's a guide to help you understand your options:

Option 1: Temporary Delegation of Parental Powers¹

When should this option be considered?

This option should be used when you are unavailable for an emergency or a short period of time and need another adult to handle everyday school and health matters for your child. It is limited to a six-month period. After the six-month period, the parent or legal guardian may execute another Temporary Delegation of Parental Powers.

What is it and what powers will it give the caregiver?

It is a one-page form the caregiver signs giving power of attorney (authority) to another person regarding the care, custody and/or property of the child. It lets the caregiver make basic decisions about school and medical care, as well as other academic or athletic programs for a six-month at a time period. The caregiver is empowered to act for the person delegating parental powers to exercise all of that person's powers regarding the care, custody and property of the child, except the power to consent to marriage and adoption of the child.

How does this option affect my parental rights and authority?

Your rights stay the same. The Delegation of Parental Powers may be revoked by you at any time before the expiration of the six-month period by written notice to the caregiver at the address provided in the form.

Who needs to sign the form? Does it need to be notarized?

The Temporary Delegation of Parental Powers must be signed by the parent delegating parental powers and signed or acknowledged before a Notary Public. Once it is completed a copy should be retained for your records and the original given to the person you have delegated as having received the authority to act in your place.

¹ Nebraska Judicial Branch, Temporary Delegation of Parental Powers, <https://nebraskajudicial.gov/self-help/families-children/temporary-delegation-parental-powers>.

How can parents and caregivers use the form?

Give a copy to the child's school, doctor, or clinic. Keep a copy with you and give one to anyone else who needs to trust the caregiver's decisions.

For how long is the form valid?

Six months. After the six-month period, the parent or legal guardian may execute another Temporary Delegation of Parental Powers.

Can this option be canceled or changed by the parent?

Yes. Because you never gave up legal custody, you can end it at any time with written notice.

Are there any costs associated with this option?

No filing fees (the form is not filed with the court), but a notary will typically charge a small fee to notarize the form.

Any other considerations?

N/A

Link to form [TEMPORARY DELEGATION OF PARENTAL POWERS](#)

Option 2: Guardianship²

When should this option be considered?

This option should be used when you are unable to care for your child for a longer period of time.

What is it and what powers will it give the caregiver?

It is a court order that gives the guardian all the rights a parent holds. They can make all major and minor decisions for the child. However, they cannot move out of state with your child without the court's permission.

How does this option affect my parental rights and authority?

Your rights and obligations as a parent stay the same. Guardianship does not terminate the parent/child relationship or remove your parental rights and authority.

² Legal Aid of Nebraska, Guardianship Handbook (2021), https://legalaidofnebraska.presencehost.net/file_download/a710f9a3-493d-40c8-99f6-95273936d73e.



Who needs to sign the form? Does it need to be notarized?

The Nebraska Judicial Branch does not publish instructions or forms for establishment of guardianship and encourages those needing to establish a guardianship to talk with a lawyer. In general, a written petition must be filed in court.³ There will be a court hearing where the judge will review the petition and make a decision as to whether the guardian will be appointed. If your child is fourteen years old or older, they can nominate a guardian.

How can parents and caregivers use the form?

The guardian should give copies of the court appointment to the child's school, doctor, dentist, and anyone else who needs proof of the guardian's authority to make decisions. Keep the original court documents in a safe place.

For how long is the form valid?

Guardianships can be temporary or permanent. A temporary guardianship lasts six months. A permanent guardianship lasts until your child turns nineteen, unless it is terminated by the court before then or your child is adopted or married.

Can this option be canceled or changed by the parent?

This option can only be revoked or changed by returning to court and asking the judge for a new order. Your child may petition for removal of the guardian if they are fourteen years old or older. The guardian can also request permission to resign as guardian.

Are there any costs associated with this option?

Court filing fees, possible attorney fees, and costs for certified copies may apply to this option.

Any other considerations?

Because it is a court order, schools and agencies must accept it.

Links to more information: [GUARDIANSHIP/CONSERVATORSHIP IN NEBRASKA](#)

³ Unless waived by the court or the appointment is an emergency or temporary, the proposed guardian will need to submit four reports showing their qualifications at least ten days before the hearing: a credit report, criminal background check, sex offender registry check, and abuse/neglect registry check.

Sample Forms and Petitions

Samples of the form or petition for each of these custodial arrangements appear on the following pages.



Temporary Delegation Of Parental Powers

I, _____ of _____, Nebraska, do make and appoint _____ of _____, to act for me and in my name to

exercise all my powers regarding the care, custody, and property of _____, born _____,

Except my power to consent to marriage and adoption of the child. I hereby give _____ full authority and power to do everything necessary to be done, as fully as I could or might do if personally present, for a period not exceeding six months beyond this date. I confirm and ratify all lawful acts done, or caused to be done by _____ acting under this

Delegation of Powers regarding the care, custody and property of my child. This Delegation of Parental Powers may be revoked by me at any time before the expiration of this six-month period by written notice to _____ at the address above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Printed Name: _____
Street Address/P.O. Box: _____
City/State/ZIP Code: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

If completed by an attorney:
Bar Number: _____

State of _____)
) ss.
County of _____)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by _____ this



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December 2025

(Name of person certifying above)

_____ day of _____, _____
Day Month Year Notary Public (Signature of person taking acknowledgement)

(title or rank) (serial number, if any) My commission expires: _____



Obtaining Birth Certificates⁴

Applications requesting birth certificates must include applicant's name, address, telephone number, proof of identity, and purpose.

Who can order a birth certificate and for what purpose?

- For personal use:
 - The person named on the birth certificate
 - The current spouse of the person named on the birth certificate (with proof of relationship or, for consensual use, with notarized consent)
 - The child of the person named on the birth certificate (with proof of relationship or, for consensual use, with notarized consent)
 - The parent of the person named on the birth certificate (with proof of relationship or, for consensual use, with notarized consent)
- For legal use:
 - By a legal representative for obtaining government documents such as a driver's license, identification card, social security, passports, or other state or federal licenses, benefits, or certificates
 - By a legal representative for obtaining admission to school
 - By a legal representative for establishing a legal relationship with another person or property right, such as an inheritance, insurance, or dependency benefit

Where and how can you obtain a birth certificate?

- Online
 - <https://nevitalrecords-dhhs.ne.gov/>
 - [VitalChek](#)
- In Person
 - Address:
Vital Records Office

⁴ Nebraska Vital Records, [Vital Records](#)

Nebraska State Office Building
301 Centennial Mall South, (First Floor)
Lincoln, NE 68509

- Mail
 - Address:
 - Nebraska Vital Records
P.O. Box 95065
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-5065
 - Must include the following:
 - [Birth Certificate Application Form](#)
 - \$17 check or money order made out to Vital Records
 - Child's full name on record. If adopted, list adoptive name and state "adopted"
 - Month/day/year of birth
 - City or town of birth/County of birth
 - Father's/Parent's full name at birth. If adopted, list adoptive father's name.
 - Mother's/Parent's full name at birth. If adopted, list adoptive mother's maiden name.
 - Why do you need the record?
 - If not your record, how are you related?
 - A photocopy of the current government-issued photo ID of the person making the application, i.e. current driver's license

Immunizations⁵

- It is recommended to obtain immunization records by contacting your primary care provider or the facility where immunizations were given directly.
- To receive a replacement, you can also access the [Nebraska State Immunization Information System](#) (NESIIS) secure and confidential search engine to search for immunization records that have been entered by your provider. You will need to enter your first name, last name, date of birth, and social security number. **Please note that providers are NOT required to report immunization except COVID-19 vaccines into NESIIS.
- If you are having trouble accessing your immunization records in NESIIS, contact the Nebraska Immunization Program or the NESIIS helpdesk.
- Visit the [NESIIS Resources](#) page for more information.
- Contact information:
 - DHHS Immunization Program, Department of Health & Human Services
 - Phone Number: (402) 471-6423
 - Fax Number: (402) 471-6426
 - Email Address: DHHS.Immunization@nebraska.gov
 - Mailing Address: P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-5026

⁵ Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Immunization Records, <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Immunization-Records.aspx>

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Country	Address	Contact Information
Czech Republic	6701 Everett Street Lincoln, NE 68506	(+1) 402-770-4624
Denmark	1620, Dodge Street Omaha, NE 68102	(+1) 402-602-3802
El Salvador	11422 Miracle Hills Drive Suite 205 Omaha, NE 68154	(+1) 402-502-1030
France	569 N. 155th Plaza Omaha, NE 68154	(+1) 402-934-9374
Guatemala	1010 North 96th St., Suite 200 Omaha, NE 68114	(+1) 531-910-0230 (+1) 531-910-0231
Japan	1805 North 135th Street Omaha, NE 68154	(+1) 402-708-3998
Kazakhstan	15000 Valmont Plaza Omaha, NE	(+1) 402-218-5293 (mobile) (+1) 402-963-1075
Mexico	7444 Farnam Street Omaha, NE 68114	(+1) 402-595-1841 – 44 (+1) 402-595-1862 – 62
Norway	10330 Regency Pkwy Dr. Suite 100 Omaha, NE 68114	(+1) 402-390-7104

