

# CLALLAM COUNTY JUVENILE & FAMILY SERVICES

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## CHINS PETITION

### Child In Need of Services

#### What parents/guardians and children need to know

Please contact CPS Intake at 1-888-713-6115 for CHINS information and/or Northwest Justice Project at 1-888-201-1014 for third-party custody information.

The basic concept of the CHINS Petition is to have the Juvenile Court review and address a real or perceived difficult living situation and issues between a child and a parent/guardian. There are five (5) ways a CHINS Petition can be filed with the Juvenile Court for its consideration:

- (1) The Department (DCFS) may determine based upon information received that a CHINS Petition should be filed for review by the Juvenile Court. The Department may file a CHINS if the living situation has not reached the need to consider a dependency filing.
- (2) The parent/guardian may request the Department (DCFS) for an intake and review of the circumstances surrounding the request of the petition. The Department (DCFS) may or may not support the filing of the petition.
- (3) The parent/guardian may decide to pursue the filing of a CHINS Petition on his/her own even if the Department (DCFS) does not support the filing of the petition.
- (4) A child on his or her own behalf can request the filing of a CHINS Petition and meet with the Department (DCFS) for assistance. The Department (DCFS) may or may not support the child's position regarding the filing of a CHINS.
- (5) The child on his/her own may decide to file a CHINS Petition without the Department's (DCFS) support.

CHINS Petitions are available at the Juvenile Court for anyone wishing to receive one. Clallam County Juvenile and Family Services staff may provide general information regarding the filing of a CHINS but do not file the petition, give legal advice or have any decision authority regarding the qualifications of a CHINS Petition.

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Clallam County Juvenile & Family Services will do whatever it takes to provide prevention, treatment, and accountability services.

As a parent/guardian/child I understand this information provided by the Juvenile and Family Services is informational only and also understand any decisions made by the Department (DCFS) or the Juvenile Court are independent decisions and not made by the staff of Juvenile and Family Services. I further understand and agree that the filing of a CHINS Petition is done so on my own according to the information I am presenting. Furthermore, because the legal parent/guardian must be a resident of the county in which the CHINS Petition is filed, I confirm that the legal parent/guardian in this case resides in Clallam County.

PRINT Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian                      Child                      Juvenile Services Staff

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred to DCFS by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

References: RCW 13.32A.140, 150,152,160,170,179,180 and 190.



Record Certification: I Certify that the electronic copy is a correct copy of the original, on the date filed in this office, and was taken under the Clerk's direction and control.  
 Clallam County Clerk, by \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy #pages: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Superior Court of Washington          County of Clallam          Juvenile Court</b>
In the Interest of:
D.O.B.:

**No:**  
**Child in Need of Services  
 (CHINS) Petition  
 (PTCIN)**

**I. Basis**

I represent to the court the following:

1.1 Identification of the parents or legal custodians and guardians:

Name	1	2
Date of Birth		
Driver's License or Identocard (# and State)		
Home Address		

The parents' marital status is:

1.2 Child alleged to be in need of services:

Name	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Home Address	

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- 1.7 A serious conflict exists between the parent and child.
- a. The petitioner has made a reasonable effort to resolve the conflict.
  - b. Reasonable efforts have been made to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child from the child's home and to make it possible for the child to return home.
  - c. A suitable out-of-home placement resource is available.

## II. Relief Requested

I request that the court order out-of-home placement of the child.

## III. Certification

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, Washington on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Place) (Date)

\_\_\_\_\_

Address

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Type or Print Name

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