

## FOUR WAYS TO GET PARENTAL CONTROL OF SOMEONE ELSE'S CHILD

	<b>POWER OF ATTORNEY</b>	<b>GUARDIANSHIP</b>	<b>NON-PARENT CUSTODY</b>	<b>ADOPTION</b>
<b>What do I have to prove?</b>	A parent agrees to the Power of Attorney	<p>ONE of these is true:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The parents agree to the guardianship</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The parents' parental rights have been terminated or suspended by a court order or other reason (for example, the parent is in prison or has abandoned the child)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The child has treated you as a parent for a substantial period of time AND</li> <li>It would be significantly detrimental to the child for a parent to have custody AND</li> <li>One of these is true: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The parents aren't married to each other</li> <li>The parents have filed for divorce or legal separation</li> <li>One of the parents is deceased</li> </ul> AND</li> <li>There have been no court orders for custody or parenting time in the last year OR the children are in danger</li> </ol>	Both parents agree to the adoption, or a court order has terminated their parental rights
<b>Where can I get forms?</b>	Law Library	Law Library	Law Library	If everyone agrees to the adoption, see the County Attorney. If someone disagrees with the adoption, see an attorney
<b>How long does it last?</b>	6 months. Can be renewed	Until the child turns 18	Until the child turns 18	Forever
<b>Can it be revoked?</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<b>What powers does it give me?</b>	Most parental rights and responsibilities except consent to the child's marriage or adoption	Most parental rights and responsibilities	Most parental rights and responsibilities	All parental rights and responsibilities
<b>How can I get an emergency order?</b>	not applicable	The Law Library has forms	Usually, this takes at least 10 days. You must have witnesses or evidence to prove that the child has treated you as a parent for a substantial period of time. The Law Library has forms	not applicable

**Dependency Cases:** When there is abuse or neglect, the court may decide that the children are dependent on the state. The court then decides who will care for the children. Usually, Child Protective Services (928-779-3681) starts dependency cases.