FAIRFIELD COUNTY PROBATE & JUVENILE COURTS

INFORMATION REGARDING GRANDPARENT CAREGIVER AUTHORIZATION AND GRANDPARENT POWER OF ATTORNEY

Effective 7/20/04, grandparents are permitted to file an affidavit with the Juvenile Court that will provide them as caretakers with the authority needed for the care, custody and control of grandchildren that are placed in their home. This can be accomplished by either the **Grandparent Power of Attorney** or the **Grandparent Caretaker Authorization Affidavit**. Both forms are attached. Please review the following information to determine which form is appropriate for your situation.

GRANDPARENT POWER OF ATTORNEY:
This form should be used when the parent(s) are granting authority to a grandparent to care for their child.

GRANDPARENT CAREGIVER AUTHORIZATION AFFIDAVIT:
This form is to be used when the child resides with the grandparent and despite reasonable efforts, the parent(s) are unable to be located.

The following information applies to either document:

- Carefully review the document before signing and filing it with Juvenile Court. **IT ISA CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO GIVE FALSE INFORMATION OR MAKE A FALSE REPRESENTATION TO THE COURT.**

- A custody affidavit must be signed by the grandparent, notarized and accompany the Power of Attorney or Caretaker Authorization Affidavit upon filing with the Court.

- Before filing with the Court, each signature must be notarized by a notary public.

- The document must be filed with the Juvenile Court of the county in which the grandparent resides **within five days of the date of notarization.**

- There is no charge to file this document with the Court; however, you will be charged if you request additional copies to be made by the court or to have it certified.

- Either document is valid until terminated as set forth in the Ohio Revised Code.

PLEASE NOTE: THE DEPUTY CLERKS ARE NOT LAWYERS AND ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ANSWER LEGAL QUESTIONS OR GIVE LEGAL ADVICE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THESE FORMS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY.