

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION**

**IN RE: Adoption of** \_\_\_\_\_ : **No.**

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**NOTICE**

**TO THE PARENTS OR PUTATIVE PARENTS OF THE ABOVE CHILD:**

A petition has been filed asking the court to put an end to all rights you have to your child (insert name of child). The court has set a hearing to consider ending your rights to your child. That hearing will be held in **Court Room No. \_\_\_\_\_, at the York County Judicial Center, 45 North George Street, York, Pennsylvania, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, beginning at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.** You are warned that even if you fail to appear at the scheduled hearing, the hearing will go on without you and your rights to your child may be ended by the Court without you being present. You have a right to be represented at the hearing by a lawyer. You should take this paper to your lawyer at once. If you do not have a lawyer or cannot afford one, go to or telephone the office set forth below to find out where you can get legal help

**ATTORNEY CONNECTION/MODEST MEANS PROGRAM**

**York County Bar Association  
137 E. Market Street  
York, PA 17401  
717-854-8755**

<http://www.yorkbar.com/?page=YCBAFindEsq>

If you cannot afford an attorney, an attorney may be appointed by the court at no cost to you if you qualify. Contact the following office for instructions and forms to complete and file.

**Clerk of Orphans' Court  
York County Judicial Center  
45 N. George Street  
York, PA 170401  
(717) 771-9288**

<https://yorkcountypa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/248/Petition-for-Court-Appointed-Counsel-and-Financial-Affidavit-form-and-Information-Packet-PDF>

If you are the putative parent of the child, you are further warned your parental rights to the child may also be terminated pursuant to Section 2503(d) of the Adoption Act if you fail to file either an acknowledgment or claim of paternity pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S.A., Section 5103 (relating to acknowledgment and claim of paternity), and fail to either appear at the hearing for the purpose of objecting to the termination of your rights or file a written objection to such termination with the court prior to the hearing.