

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF: FILE No. @00001

BILLY SMITH AGE: 5 SEX: M DOB: 01-01-11 CASE # 16J00001

A Child/Children Under 18 Years of Age

DEPENDENCY PETITION

Your petitioner alleges the children named above to be of the sexes and ages and to have the names there set forth above; that the mother of the above named children is **Sally Smith** whose address is unknown to the petitioner; said children are at **178 SAMS STREET; DECATUR, DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA 30030**; and are in the custody and control of the **DEKALB COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES** that is located in said place; and that said child is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court; that said child is in need of the protection of this Court, and are dependent children pursuant to (O.C.G.A. §15-11-2 (22)) due to the following conditions:

1.

The child is without proper parental care and control, subsistence, or education as required by law or other care and control necessary for their physical, mental, or emotional health or morals, the particulars being:

On or about September 28, 2016 at 4:06 p.m., the child was found in a dependent condition pursuant to (O.C.G.A. § 15-11-2 (22)) due to the following:

- a) Said child's mother lacks stable housing and income;
- b) Said child's mother is unable to care for them at this time;
- c) The identity and whereabouts of said child's father is unknown;
- d) There are currently no relatives or family members to provide care for said child; and,
- e) Said child is in need of a legal guardian to provide care for his everyday needs and supervision.

2.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §15-11-146(d), the **DeKalb County Department of Family and Children Services made reasonable efforts** to preserve and reunify the family prior to the placement of the child in foster care, to prevent or eliminate the need for the removal of the child

from her home, and to make it possible for the child to return safely home: **The Department searched for relatives and family members to serve as placement resources. The child was initially safety resourced to relatives until one of the adult household members tested positive for illegal substance use.**

3.

Placement of the children with their mother would be contrary to the welfare of the children at this time, and it is in their best interest to remain in the temporary legal custody of the Department because **the child's mother lacks stable housing and income and is unable to provide care for the child.**

4.

That said child was taken into custody under the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 15-11-22 (22). That said children are currently in foster care under the supervision of the DeKalb County Department of Family and Children Services, having been placed there on September 28, 2016, at 4:06 p.m.

That it is in the child's best interest the mother have only supervised visits with the children at this time.

That it is in the best interest of the child and the public that this proceeding be brought.

Petitioner prays that process issue directed to the parties hereto, requiring them to appear before this Court to answer the allegations of this petition.

DEPT. OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES

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