

# Service Center

## New Hampshire Circuit Court

### SURRENDER OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

#### Items listed below are needed to start this type case:

- Surrender of Parental Rights form (NHJB-2080-FP)  
This form is completed by individual parents who are surrendering their parental rights so that the child may be adopted. **It must be signed in the presence of the Judge at the hearing.**
- Certified copy of the child's Birth Certificate
- Medical Information on Birth Parent form (NHJB-2193-FP)  
NOTE: If the adoption is taking place in another state, or if petition for adoption has not been filed, information about the adoption agency or adoptive parents taking custody of the child shall be provided in writing.

#### Other items that may be needed:

- Affidavit of Birth Mother form (NHJB-2189-FP) must be filed if the birth mother is surrendering her parental rights. The form must be notarized.
- Release of Information from surrendering parent (may be filed by division or an agency).
- Photo identification may be required.

#### How much will this cost?

- There is no filing fee.

#### What happens next?

- You will receive a Notice of Hearing in the mail. This notice will inform you of the date, time and place of the court hearing. The hearing is usually held within 10-14 days of filing the surrender form. For newborns, the hearing should be held within 2-4 days of filing the surrender form.  
Only the surrendering parent and their attorney (if applicable) will receive the hearing notice.
- The court will issue a care, custody and control order to the agency or adoptive parents, after the hearing or within 2 days (Order on care, custody and control does not apply in step-parent adoptions).

**Forms and Instructions are available at any NH Circuit Court**

**or at**

**[www.courts.state.nh.us](http://www.courts.state.nh.us)**