

**ADOPTION DECREE**

JD-JM-198 New 10-12  
P.A. 12-82, Sec. 16  
C.G.S. § 45a-724

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
SUPERIOR COURT  
JUVENILE MATTERS  
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Address of Court		Docket number
Name of minor child	Place of birth	Date of birth
Petitioner address (Statutory parent - Department of Children and Families)		Phone number
Name and address of adopting parent		Phone number
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The Superior Court for Juvenile Matters granted a petition to terminate parental rights and appointed the Department of Children and Families the statutory parent. After a hearing at a Superior Court for Juvenile Matters on the petitioner's Adoption Petition for approval of the Adoption Agreement concerning the minor child, the court finds that the minor child has been given in adoption by a statutory parent entitled by law to do so, that all parties consent to the adoption, that the date and place of birth is as written above.

**The Court finds that:**

1. The petitioner filed an affidavit with the court stating that there is no proceeding in another court affecting the custody of the minor child.
2. The petitioner filed with the court a report of an investigation concerning this adoption.
3. The minor child is free for adoption, the information given on the Adoption Data Sheet is true, and it is in the best interest of the minor child to approve the adoption and the Adoption Agreement.

**Order and Decree**

The Adoption Agreement is approved.

<input type="checkbox"/> Change the name of the minor child to: _____		
Signed (Judge, Clerk)	At (Town)	Date signed

**What does adoption mean?****For the adopted person, it means that:**

- (1) He or she will be treated as if he or she were the biological child of the adopting parent for all purposes except where a statute says they won't be;
- (2) He or she will have inheritance rights, that is, the right to inherit property, from the adopting parent as if he or she were the biological child of the adopting parent;
- (3) He or she and the biological children and other adopted children of the adopting parent will be treated as brothers and sisters, except where a statute says they won't be;
- (4) He or she is included when the words "child", "children", "issue", "descendant", "descendants", "heir", "heirs", "lawful heirs", "grandchild" and "grandchildren" are used in any will or trust instrument unless the document clearly says differently;
- (5) He or she is still entitled to certain benefits as a result of his or her biological parent being a veteran who served in time of war and of certain Social Security benefits.

**For the adopting parent, it means that:**

- (1) He or she will be treated as if the adopted person was his or biological child for all purposes except where a statute says they won't be.

**For the biological parent of the adopted person, it means that:**

- (1) The biological parent or parents of the adopted person will not be considered a parent or parents of the adopted person. The biological parent or parents do not have any parental rights and responsibilities for the adopted person except for some specific purposes;
- (2) The adopted person will not have inheritance rights from the biological parent except in some situations where a statute says differently.

For a more detailed description what adoption means for the adopted person, their biological parent and their adoptive parent, see section 45a-731 of the Connecticut General Statutes.