

**ADOPTION** – Title 6, Sec. 6-1901 et seq.

**Tribal Code Checklist for Required Information & Documents**

The following is required:

- Full name of Child (prior to adoption)
- Residence of Child
- Date of Birth of Child
- Enrollment Status/Tribal Affiliation of Child : \_\_\_\_\_
- Gender of Child       Male       Female
- Documentary proof of date and place of birth of Child [birth certificate – **ATTACH DOCUMENT TO PETITION**]

- Name of Adoptive Parent/s
- Residence of Adoptive Parent/s
- Date and place of birth of Adoptive Parent/s
- Documentary proof of Adoptive Parents’ marital status [if married, **ATTACH DOCUMENT TO PETITION**]

- Full description and statement of value of all property owned or possessed by Child
- Agreement by Adoptive Parent/s that it is their desire to adopt and that it will be in the best means to secure child’s sense of belonging to family, clan and tribe

- Court Order terminating parental rights and/or written consents by natural parent [must be witnessed, notarized and **ATTACHED TO PETITION**]
  - i. Consent by Guardian, accompanied by evidence of authority to consent
  - ii. If Child is **OVER 12 YEARS OF AGE**, Child **MUST** consent in Court hearing or in writing to the adoption

- Investigative Report from Meskwaki Family Services – **Written report to be submitted within 30 days of Court notice**, assessing the following:
  - i. Suitability of child for adoption
  - ii. Financial ability of adoptive parent/s
  - iii. Moral and physical fitness of adoptive parent/s
  - iv. General Background of the adoptive home and parent/s

- Residency – Child must have been in the custody of Petitioner/s for more than 3 months
- Privacy – Final Order shall indicate if natural parent/guardian identity is confidential
- Name Change of Child

- i. Yes. Printed, new FULL name: \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. No. Child’s name is unchanged

- Adoption Subsidy
  - i. Yes
    - a. Paperwork is completed
    - b. Paperwork is in process; Projected completion date: \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. No – An Adoption Subsidy is not available/desired

- Contact Agreement
  - i. Yes - [Document must be **ATTACHED**]
  - ii. No