

Instructions for Authorization Agreement for Voluntary Adult Caregiver

[Chapter 34 of the Texas Family Code](#) allows a parent to authorize certain relatives or voluntary caregivers in a Parental Child Safety Placement to take specified actions and obtain services on behalf of a child if the parent is unable to for some reason. As required by [Senate Bill 1598, 81 Regular Session](#), DFPS developed [The Authorization Agreement for Voluntary Adult Caregiver](#) to assist families in meeting the requirements of the law. The form is not a DFPS-specific form, and is intended for use by any family that wants to ensure a child's needs are being met in the parents' absence.

DFPS cannot provide legal advice to members of the public regarding the use of this form. Should you have questions about how to use this form, DFPS encourages you to consult with a lawyer whose practice includes family law and custody issues. For more information on how to locate a lawyer, visit the [State Bar of Texas](#) website. In addition, all of the provisions of the law governing the form may be found on the [Texas Constitution and Statutes](#) website.