

General Instructions For Completing This Joinder Agreement

An Important Note to Grantors: Please read the entire Joinder Agreement carefully, including all of the exhibits. Some of the exhibits require you to provide the Trustee with specific information. The exhibits that require you to provide information are marked below with a star to their immediate left (*). Your Agreement may not be accepted for administration until after the information requested has been received and reviewed. It is therefore extremely important that you follow all instructions carefully and exactly.

If you submit an Agreement that is incomplete or inaccurate, it may not be accepted. Please be aware that non- acceptance of your Agreement may cause delays in meeting eligibility requirements for your government assistance programs. At the very least, an incomplete Agreement can cause unnecessary delays. You can likely avoid these delays by carefully following all of the instructions on this sheet and the exhibits that follow. Do not leave any empty spaces; if a question does not apply to you, then indicate “N/A” in your response. Attach extra sheets of paper for any question if the provided space is inadequate. If you have any doubts about your ability to complete this Agreement properly, you should contact an attorney or other professional to help you before you begin.

Any Law Firm engaged by the Trustee(s) to aid in the administration of the Pooled Trust can not give you legal advice or a legal opinion. You are encouraged to seek independent legal counsel if you have any questions about the terms of this Agreement.

1. Please be sure to include all of the following exhibits when you submit the Agreement. Some exhibits consist of information that you must provide when you submit the Agreement for review and acceptance. The exhibits that require you to provide information are marked below with a star next to them (*) in the left-hand margin. Please be sure to provide complete information.

1.1 Exhibit “A,” *Declaration of Trust.*

* 1.2 Exhibit “B,” *Grantor and Beneficiary Information.*

Please see Exhibit “B” for instructions on completing this part of the Agreement.

* 1.3 Exhibit “C,” *Desires of Grantor for Use of Distributions From Trust During Lifetime of the Beneficiary.*

Please see Exhibit “C” for instructions on completing this part of the Agreement.

* 1.4 Exhibit “D,” *Proof of Grantor’s Status to Establish Trust on Behalf of the Beneficiary.*

Please see Exhibit “D” for instructions on completing this part of the Agreement.

1.5 Exhibit “E,” *Disclaimer Regarding Legal Advice.*

2. After the Agreement is reviewed and accepted, you will receive a copy signed by the Trustee and a copy of the Declaration of Trust. If you need or want copies of the exhibits, please make them before submitting your Agreement for approval. You will also receive a package containing information about your Pooled Trust Sub-account, which will include copies of a simple form and instructions for requesting distributions from the Trust.
3. Please remember to enclose a check with your completed Agreement for whatever amount you are contributing to your Trust sub-account. The check should be made payable to: “Public Guardianship Pooled Special Needs Trust.”

This Agreement is a binding legal document. You are encouraged to seek independent, professional advice before signing.

Return your completed, signed and notarized Agreement, along with your check and completed Exhibits, to the Administrative Trustee at the following address:

The Center for Special Needs Trust Administration, Inc.
4912 Creekside Drive
Clearwater, FL 33760

Acceptance Date: _____

Trust sub-account number: _____
(To be provided by Trustee)

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**POOLED TRUST JOINDER AGREEMENT FOR
THE STATE OF FLORIDA PUBLIC GUARDIANSHIP
POOLED SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST**

The undersigned, in consideration of the covenants, promises, and representations contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, hereby enrolls in and adopts the Declaration of Trust (the "Declaration of Trust"), executed by Foundation for Indigent Guardianship, Inc. and The Center for Special Needs Trust Administration, Inc. (referred to collectively hereinafter as the "Trustee"), and dated the 29th day of March, 2006, establishing the Public Guardianship Pooled Special Needs Trust (the "Trust"), which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference. The effect of joining the Trust through this Pooled Trust Joinder Agreement (the "Agreement") shall be to establish a Trust sub-account for the following named Beneficiary: _____. This Agreement, and the Trust sub-account created hereunder, shall be irrevocable upon acceptance of the Agreement by the Trustee and shall be established with resources, including assets and/or income, belonging solely and exclusively to the Beneficiary and/or the Beneficiary's spouse.

**Article I
Definitions**

1.01 As the context requires, and as further defined in the Trust, the singular term, "Trustee," means The Center for Special Needs Trust Administration, Inc. and/or Foundation for Indigent Guardianship, Inc. or their successor or successors, and such term includes any Co-trustee that may be appointed by the Trustee to aid in the administration of the Trust.

1.02 The terms, "supplemental care," "special needs," and "government assistance" all have the same meaning that is defined in Article 2 of the Trust.

**Article II
Distributions From Trust Sub-account During Life of Beneficiary**

Distributions from the Beneficiary's Trust sub-account may be made during the life of the Beneficiary in accordance with the provisions below.

2.01 Individualized Care Plan. At the Trustee's discretion, an individualized care plan shall be prepared for the Beneficiary, which the Trustee may consider, in its sole and absolute discretion, when reviewing requests for any distribution from the Beneficiary's Trust sub-account.

2.02 Benefit Solely for Beneficiary. The Beneficiary's Trust sub-account is established and shall be administered for the sole benefit of the Beneficiary.

2.03 Distributions Pending Preparation of an Individualized Care Plan. Pending the final

preparation of an individualized care plan established for the Beneficiary, if applicable and/or required by the Trustee, any nonsupport items that are required for maintaining the Beneficiary's health, safety, and welfare may be provided for the benefit of the Beneficiary when, in the sole and absolute discretion of the Trustee, such needs are not being met by any public agency, or are not otherwise being provided by any other source of income available to the Beneficiary.

2.04 Discretion of Trustee; Use of Assets; Desires for Use of Assets. The Grantor recognizes and acknowledges that all distributions are subject to the Trustee's sole and absolute discretion, that the Trustee shall only make distributions solely for the Beneficiary's supplemental needs and supplemental care, and that the Trustee shall possess and exercise the authority to allocate all distributions between principal and income as it determines in its sole and absolute discretion. With this recognition and acknowledgment in mind, the Grantor has expressed the Grantor's desires as to how assets in the Trust sub-account might be used on behalf of the Beneficiary during the Beneficiary's lifetime.

2.05 Notice of Application; Acceptance, Denial; Termination of Benefits. In order to enjoy the benefits of the Trust to the fullest extent possible, the Beneficiary, or the Beneficiary's legal representative, shall be required to notify the Trustee whenever the Beneficiary: a) applies for government assistance; b) has an application for government assistance approved; c) has an application for government assistance denied; and/or, d) has government assistance terminated. Notice shall be in writing, by certified mail, return receipt requested, in care of the Trustee, The Center for Special Needs Trust Administration, Inc., at the address set forth in the General Instructions hereto, and which is also set forth on the last page of this Agreement, or at such other address as the Trustee may designate from time to time. Such notice to the Trustee shall be made within 10 (ten) days of the event that triggers the Beneficiary's duty to give notice under this paragraph 2.05. In no event shall the Trustee be liable for making disbursements which result in a reduction of government assistance, a termination of government assistance, or ineligibility for government assistance when the Trustee did not have actual notice of such government assistance, or other circumstances giving rise to such termination, reduction, and/or ineligibility, at the time such disbursements may have been made or requested, or when the Beneficiary or the Beneficiary's representative waives such liability in a signed writing. Consistent with the Beneficiary's affirmative duty to notify any relevant government agencies administering the Beneficiary's government assistance program(s) of any material change in circumstances, all such duties to notify shall continue to be the Beneficiary's in the event that distributions and/or disbursements may have such a material effect, and the Trustee shall have no duty in this regard.

Article III Distributions Upon the Beneficiary's Death

Any assets that remain in the Beneficiary's separate Trust sub-account at the Beneficiary's death shall be treated in accordance with the provisions below.

3.01 Assets in Trust. If any assets remain in the Beneficiary's separate Trust sub-account at the Beneficiary's death, such assets shall be deemed surplus Trust property and shall be retained by the Trust pursuant to all of the relevant and applicable provisions of 42 U.S.C. §1396p, including all related statutes, regulations, and/or rules.

3.02 Use of Retained Assets. Subject to all of the provisions contained in Article 6 of the Trust, retained surplus Trust property shall be used:

- a) for the direct or indirect benefit of other Beneficiaries;
- b) to add disabled persons, as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 1382c(a)(3), who are indigent to the Trust as Beneficiaries; or,
- c) to provide disabled persons, as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 1382c(a)(3), with equipment, medication, or such other services deemed suitable for such persons by the Trustee.

Subject to all provisions herein, gifts or devises to the Trust shall be similarly treated unless a specific purpose is specified by the donor. To the extent that any surplus Trust property is not retained by the Trust pursuant to paragraph 3.01 above, such property shall be distributed to each State in which the Beneficiary received government assistance, based on each State's proportionate share of the total government assistance paid by all of the States on the Beneficiary's behalf. For all such purposes hereunder, the Trustee and all States where the Beneficiary received government assistance are clearly identifiable residual beneficiaries and have standing to challenge any attempt by the Beneficiary or any other party to revoke this irrevocable Agreement.

Article IV Trustee Compensation

The Trustee shall be entitled to a fee as compensation for its services according to its regularly published fee schedule as that schedule may be amended from time to time.

Article V Miscellaneous Provisions

5.01 Amendments. The provisions of this Joinder Agreement may be amended as the Grantor and the Trustee may jointly agree, provided any such amendment is consistent with the Declaration of Trust and any then-applicable law. Additionally, the Trustee may also make any unilateral amendments as may be necessary to comply with any changes in the law and/or agency policy or for the proper and efficient administration of the Trust as determined in the Trustee's sole discretion without notice to the Beneficiary or the Beneficiary's representative. However, under no circumstance shall any amendment defeat the purpose and intent of this Agreement and/or the Trustee's affirmative duty to reimburse each state where the Beneficiary received government assistance when surplus trust property is not retained by the Trust, as that duty is set forth in paragraph 3.02 above.

5.02 Taxes. The Grantor acknowledges that: a) the Trustee has made no representations to the Grantor that contributions to the Trust are deductible as charitable gifts, or otherwise; b) Trust sub-account income, whether paid in cash or distributed in other property, may be taxable to the Beneficiary, subject to applicable exemptions and deductions; and, c) Trust sub-account income may be taxable to the Trust, and when this is the case, such taxes shall be payable directly from the Trust sub-account that requires such taxes to be paid. For the sole purpose of determining tax liability and having the Beneficiary's trust sub-account treated as a grantor trust, the Trustee may apply trust

income to the payment of premiums on policies of insurance on the life of the Beneficiary without the approval or consent of any adverse party within the meaning of Section 672(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. For purposes of this paragraph 5.02, “trust corpus” shall have the same meaning as “trust sub-account” used elsewhere throughout this Joinder Agreement and the Declaration of Trust. Further, nothing in this paragraph 5.02 shall in any way affect or modify the intent and/or purpose of the Trust or any of the provisions found in this Joinder Agreement and/or the Declaration of Trust. The Trustee may make distributions directly to the taxing authority of any such amounts of income or principal of the Trust as may become necessary to satisfy the Beneficiary’s tax obligations upon the Beneficiary making such request to the Trustee.

5.03 Testamentary Power of Appointment Over Residue. Subject to the provisions of Article III above, and all other relevant provisions, laws, and/or regulations requiring the Trustee to reimburse each state in which the Beneficiary received government assistance, the Beneficiary shall have the power, through his or her Last Will and Testament, and by making express reference to this power, to direct that part or all of the property remaining in the Trust may be delivered to such persons or their issue as the Beneficiary so directs. However, under no circumstances shall the Beneficiary have the power to direct that such property be delivered to: the Beneficiary; the Beneficiary’s estate; the Beneficiary’s creditors; or the creditors of the Beneficiary’s estate. For purposes of this paragraph 5.03, the purpose of which is to prevent any gift tax liability, the term “property” refers to any such residual amounts as may remain after the Trustee follows the provisions set forth in Article III above.

5.04 Trustee’s Duty Regarding Government Assistance Programs. In providing for the Beneficiary’s special needs, and/or in making determinations regarding disbursements and/or distributions for the benefit of the Beneficiary’s special needs, the Trustee shall always consider the government assistance for which the Beneficiary is currently eligible, or for which the Beneficiary may be attempting to become currently eligible, and the Trustee shall make no disbursements and/or distributions that would cause the Beneficiary to be or become ineligible for such government assistance. Distributions that the Trustee may or may not have made in the past because of less restrictive government assistance programs, more restrictive government assistance programs, or government assistance programs that the Beneficiary did not apply for, qualify for, and/or receive, shall not serve as a pattern, or be construed to serve as a pattern, of any sort that establishes a duty or discretion in the Trustee to continue making such distributions, to continue refusing such distributions, or to make or to refuse such distributions in the future as the individual case may be. The Trustee shall have no discretion in this regard, and it shall be an absolute duty of the Trustee to follow the directions herein.

5.05 Information Concerning Grantor and Beneficiary. All information concerning the Grantor and the Beneficiary hereunder, as may be required by the Trustee, shall be provided by the Grantor. The Grantor hereby warrants that all information provided to the Trustee, both at the time of establishing the Beneficiary’s sub-account and at all times thereafter, is true and complete to the best of the Grantor’s knowledge as of the time of the Grantor providing such information. The Trustee, its employees and/or agents shall be entitled to rely on all such information in performing their duties hereunder toward the Grantor and/or the Beneficiary without being required to make further inquiry as to accuracy or completeness of such information. The sufficiency of such information shall be determined by the Trustee in its sole and absolute discretion, and the Trustee shall in no event be required to inquire further as to the accuracy, veracity, authenticity, or completeness of any information submitted by the Grantor.

5.06 Appointment of Advocate or Advisor. The Trustee may appoint and retain an advocate and/or advisor for the express purpose of assisting the Trustee in evaluating trust disbursements and evaluating the Beneficiary's special needs. The Trustee shall compensate any such advocate and/or advisor from the Trust estate at a rate equal to the usual and customary fee for such services, provided such fees are reasonable and appropriate in the Trustee's sole discretion.

5.07 Governing Law. This Joinder Agreement is created under, and shall be governed exclusively by, the laws of the State of Florida.

5.08 Additional Information Concerning Distributions. At the death of the Beneficiary, the Trustee shall wind up the affairs of the Trust in a manner that is consistent with the Social Security Program Operations Manual POMS SI 01120.203 B.1.f.; SI 01120.203 B.2.g.; and, SI 01120.203 B.3 ("POMS"), as such POMS currently provide and/or as they may be amended or replaced from time to time in the future. The Trustee shall have the sole and independent discretion to claim any tax deductions useful to reduce the tax paid by the Trust.

5.09 Dispute Resolution. Any dispute which may arise between the parties hereto, including the Beneficiary, concerning any matter related to or arising from this Joinder Agreement and/or the Trust, shall be resolved exclusively by the provisions contained in Article 10 of the Trust, as may be amended from time to time.

5.10 Authority of Grantor to Contribute on Behalf of Beneficiary. The Grantor shall furnish to the Trustee such proof as the Trustee, in its sole and absolute discretion, may require in order to satisfy itself that the Grantor has the requisite status under law to contribute to the Trust on behalf of the Beneficiary. The sufficiency of such proof shall be determined by the Trustee in its sole and absolute discretion. Further, such proof shall be deemed to be conclusive evidence that the Grantor enjoys the requisite status to contribute. The Trustee shall in no event be required to inquire further as to the accuracy, veracity, authenticity, or completeness of any proof submitted by the Grantor.

5.11 Agreement Understood by Grantor. The Grantor hereby agrees to and acknowledges that the Grantor:

- a) has reviewed this Joinder Agreement and fully understands its terms;
- b) has had a full, complete, and fair opportunity to seek the advice of legal counsel concerning this Joinder Agreement, whether or not the Grantor has done so;
- c) agrees to be bound by the terms of this Joinder Agreement, and said Agreement is binding on the Grantor's heirs, successors, and assigns; and,
- d) is not executing this Joinder Agreement because of any promises, covenants or representations other than those contained in this Joinder Agreement and the Declaration of Trust.

5.12 Agreement Constitutes Entire Understanding Between Parties. This Joinder Agreement, together with the Declaration of Trust attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference, constitutes the entire understanding between the parties. No promises,

agreements or representations, expressed or implied, have been made, except those contained in this writing, and all corrections and additions hereto shall be in writing, specifically designated as an addition or amendment to this Joinder Agreement, and signed by the parties.

5.13 Severability. Any provision of this Joinder Agreement that is adjudged invalid or unenforceable under the laws of any place where the terms of the Agreement are to be performed, or are sought to be enforced, shall be deemed inoperative without invalidating such provision elsewhere or any of the other provisions of this Agreement.

5.14 Section Headings. Section headings are for purposes of convenience only and shall have no bearing on the interpretation of any provision of this Joinder Agreement or the Declaration of Trust.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Grantor has signed this Joinder Agreement on this ____ day of _____, _____, and the Trustee has accepted and signed this Joinder Agreement on this ____ day of _____, _____.

GRANTOR'S SIGNATURE

WITNESS SIGNATURES (2)

Grantor Signature

1. _____
Witness Signature

Please Print Name

Please Print Name

Address: _____

Address: _____

2. _____
Witness Signature

Please Print Name

Address: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA))
COUNTY OF _____))

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 20____, by _____ who [] is personally know by me, or who [] produced _____ as identification.

Notary Public

**The Center for Special Needs
Administration, Inc., Trustee**

WITNESS SIGNATURES (2)

By: _____

1. _____
Witness Signature

Please Print Name
Address: The Center for Special Needs
Trust Administration, Inc.
4912 Creekside Drive
Clearwater, FL 33760

Please Print Name
Address: _____

2. _____
Witness Signature

Please Print Name
Address: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA))
COUNTY OF PINELLAS))

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 20____, by
_____ who [] is personally know by me, or who [] produced
_____ as identification.

Notary Public

Exhibit "A"

Declaration of Trust Goes Here

Please Note: After you have completed your Joinder Agreement, please return to the Download Page. Download and print a copy of the Declaration of Trust which will become Exhibit "A" of your Joinder Agreement.

Exhibit "B"
Grantor and Beneficiary Information

Please be as thorough as possible when completing this section. This information is necessary for administering the Trust for the Beneficiary's best possible interest.

Grantor Information

(This is the person who will sign the Joinder Agreement)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (day) _____ (evening) _____

Birth date: _____

Social Security
Number: _____

Relationship
to Beneficiary: _____

Beneficiary Information

(This is the person who will be a Beneficiary of the Pooled Trust)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (day) _____ (evening) _____

Birth date: _____

Social Security
Number: _____

Medicaid Card
Number: _____

If the Beneficiary is a Minor, Please Provide:

Mother's Name: _____ SS# _____

Father's Name: _____ SS# _____

Does the Beneficiary have a legal representative? ___ Yes. ___ No. If yes, please provide the representative's name, address, telephone number, and relationship to the Beneficiary.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (day) _____ (evening) _____

Relationship: _____

Please check the description that best describes the correct legal relationship:

___ Legal Guardian ___ Representative Payee ___ Durable Power of Attorney

Other (please explain) _____

What is the specific nature of the Beneficiary's disability? If the Beneficiary's condition has been medically diagnosed, what is that diagnosis?

What is the Beneficiary's current prognosis?

Government Assistance

Please indicate all forms of government assistance that the beneficiary receives.

Social Security Yes _____ No _____ Not Sure _____

Supplemental
Security Income (SSI) Yes _____ No _____ Not Sure _____

Social Security Disability
Income (SSDI) Yes _____ No _____ Not Sure _____

Institutional Care Program
(Long Term Nursing Home Care) Yes _____ No _____ Not Sure _____

Medically Needy Program Yes _____ No _____ Not Sure _____

MEDS-AD Yes _____ No _____ Not Sure _____

Medi-Kids Yes _____ No _____ Not Sure _____

Protected Medicaid Yes _____ No _____ Not Sure _____

Home or Community
Based Medicaid Waiver Programs Yes _____ No _____ Not Sure _____

Optional State Supplementation (OSS) .. Yes _____ No _____ Not Sure _____

Home Care for the
Elderly and Disabled (HCE/DA) Yes _____ No _____ Not Sure _____

Food Stamps Yes _____ No _____ Not Sure _____

List any other government assistance that the Beneficiary receives or has applied for:

List all forms of government assistance which have been denied or discontinued to the Beneficiary, including the approximate dates:

Insurance Information

If the Beneficiary is covered under any policy of health care insurance, please provide the insurer's name, address, and the policy number.

Insurer: _____

Address: _____

Insurer: _____

Policy
Number: _____

If the Beneficiary is covered under any prepaid funeral or burial insurance, please provide the insurer's name, address, and the policy number.

Insurer: _____

Address: _____

Policy
Number: _____

Exhibit “D”

Proof of Grantor’s Status to Establish Trust on Behalf of Beneficiary

Under current law, only the beneficiary’s parents, grandparents, legal guardian, the beneficiary himself or herself, or someone acting at the direction of a court may establish the Trust on behalf of the beneficiary. If you are anyone other than the beneficiary, then please include documents that verify that you fall within one of these permissible categories.

ALL GRANTORS SHOULD PROVIDE A PHOTOCOPY OF THEIR DRIVER’S LICENSE OR OTHER PHOTO IDENTIFICATION

In addition to the Grantor’s photo I.D., the list below illustrates the types of documents that should be submitted to establish the Grantor’s relationship to the Beneficiary and/or the status to contribute to the Trust.

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| 1. Beneficiary as the Grantor. | Your photo I.D. will be enough. |
| 2. Parent(s) as Grantors. | Include a copy of your son or daughter’s birth certificate. |
| 3. Grandparent(s) as Grantors. | Include a copy of your son or daughter’s birth certificate and a copy of your grandchild’s birth certificate. |
| 4. Legal Guardian as Grantor. | Include a copy of your Letters of Guardianship and a copy of the Court Order authorizing you to sign the Joinder Agreement. |
| 5. Court as Grantor. | If you are acting at the direction of a Court, include a copy of the Court Order that directs you to execute the Joinder Agreement. |

The documents listed above are examples only and are not intended to be exhaustive or all inclusive. Any document that establishes the Grantor’s relationship to the Beneficiary, and the status to establish the Trust on behalf of the Beneficiary, will be sufficient. Please note, however, that the documents provided must clearly and unequivocally establish the Grantor’s status.

Exhibit "E"

Disclaimer Regarding Legal Advice

BY MY SIGNATURE below, I freely and openly acknowledge the following.

1) Neither the Non-Profit Trustee, the Co-trustee, if any, nor any of their employees and/or agents, including but not limited to any and all law firms engaged by the Non-Profit Trustee or Co-trustee, if any, have offered or given me any legal advice regarding: a) the Joinder Agreement and/or the Trust; b) the suitability of the Joinder Agreement and/or the Trust as it may apply to my particular circumstances; and, c) the suitability of the Joinder Agreement and/or the Trust as it may apply to the particular circumstances of the Beneficiary.

2) I have been encouraged to, and have had a full, complete, and fair opportunity to seek independent legal counsel.

Dated the ____ day of _____, _____.

Grantor