

Alaska Delegations of Parental Rights *(aka Powers of Attorney)*

What They Can & Can't Do

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STATE AGENCIES		
Alaska PFD Office (applying for a child's PFD)	OK if signed within a year of application, and document looks regular on its face It is also OK to use the PFD Division Limited Power of Attorney Form that only covers PFD's	
Vital Statistics (for birth certificates)	NO	YES. Certified copy of guardianship, custody, or adoption order needed
Office of Children's Services	NO – OCS can remove a child from an adult caregiver with a delegation form based on a report of harm, and not afford that adult the same protections as parents, unless the caregiver meets the definition of an "Indian Custodian" of a tribal child	OCS affords legal guardians the same rights and protections as parents
TRAVEL		
Passports	No	Must have court order for custody, guardianship, or adoption

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SCHOOL		
Enrollment	OK - No formal documentation is needed for enrollment – all kids have a right to enroll	
Permission Slips	OK	
Medical Consents	OK	
HEALTH CARE		
Get medical records	Should be ok but may vary by institution	
Make regular doctor appointments		
Make mental health/behavioral health appointment		
Major medical procedures		
BENEFITS		
Alaska Housing	OK but will need the child's birth certificate (which requires a legal order to obtain)	
Alaska Public Assistance	OK	
Tribal TANF	OK	
Social Security (survivor benefits, disability benefits for children)	NO	YES. Need certified copy of guardianship, custody or adoption order.
Veterans Administration	NO	YES. Need certified copy of guardianship, custody or adoption order for minor beneficiaries.

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