

ADVANCE PLANNING FOR NON-CITIZEN PARENTS DOCUMENT COMPARISON CHART

	Scope	Duration	Revocability	When Appropriate
Designation of Person in Parental Relationship	Educational and healthcare decisions for child	1 year	In writing at any time	<p>Always: helpful for all children. Temporary, limited authority over child while parent in ICE detention</p> <p>Pro: Easy to do, easy to revoke. Health and education decisions are the main things that will need to be done.</p> <p>Con: Doesn't give authority over major medical decisions; only health and education</p>
Standby Guardianship Designation	Temporary authority over child for 60 days, upon triggering event, and then full authority once guardianship finalized (see Guardianship, below)	60 days, upon triggering event	In writing at any time before judge approves	<p>Often: Helpful in the event of parent's prolonged ICE detention and/or deportation. But if release from detention possible, proceed with caution, since hard to undo</p> <p>Pro: No need for court until triggering event occurs</p> <p>Con: Very hard to undo, once judge approves. Other parent could come out of woodwork and seek custody. Guardian can seek child support from parent.</p>
Guardianship Petition	Full authority over child	No expiration, until child turns 18yo or 21 yo, depending	Very difficult; best interests of child standard, unless all parties consent	<p>Very rarely: if parent actually going to be or has been deported</p> <p>Pro: complete authority over child</p> <p>Con: Very hard to undo, once judge approves, unless all parties consent. Other parent could come out of woodwork and seek custody. Guardian can seek child support from parent.</p>
Power of Attorney	Authority over property (apartment, bank account, etc)	No expiration	In writing at any time	<p>Rarely: If parent has property, bank account etc to be managed</p> <p>Pro: can help with financial care of child</p> <p>Con: gives someone else financial control over money and property</p>

Passport Application	US or other country passport	5 years for minors	N/A	<p>Always: helpful for all children</p> <p>Pro: needed for travel abroad</p> <p>Con: \$135 fee. Also, requires both parents to consent, but other parent may be abusive, missing, etc. Possible to seek waiver of other parent's consent.</p>
Travel Authorization	Permission for adult to travel with child	No expiration	In writing at any time	<p>Usually: If parent wants child to travel abroad</p> <p>Pro: needed for travel abroad if not with parent(s)</p> <p>Con: Requires both parents to consent, but other parent may be abusive, missing, etc.</p>