

**233.4 Rights of parents.**

Either parent of a newborn infant whose custody was released in accordance with [section 233.2](#) may intervene in the child in need of assistance or termination of parental rights proceedings held regarding the newborn infant and request that the juvenile court grant custody of the newborn infant to the parent. The requester must show by clear and convincing evidence including but not limited to by the use of DNA profiling as defined in [section 81.1](#) that the requester is the parent of the newborn infant. If the court determines that the requester is the parent of the newborn infant and that granting custody of the newborn infant to the parent is in the newborn infant's best interest, the court shall issue an order granting custody of the newborn infant to the parent. In addition to such order, the court may order services for the newborn infant and the parent as are in the best interest of the newborn infant.

[2001 Acts, ch 67, §4, 13](#); [2023 Acts, ch 136, §3](#)

Referred to in [§233.6](#)

Section amended