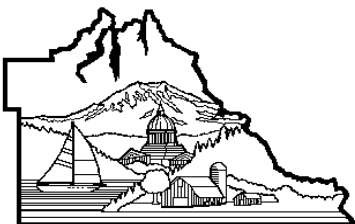


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(Paternity)

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**HOW TO RESPOND TO A PETITION TO DECIDE
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CHECKLIST

Use the forms and instructions in this packet only if the following factors apply to your situation:

- ✓ You have a dependent Child or Children;
- ✓ You were not married to the other parent;
- ✓ You have been served with a Summons and Petition to Decide Parentage;

AND

- ✓ You are not in agreement with all the terms of this Petition or proposed Parenting Plan; and
- ✓ You need to file your Response.

READ ME: It is very important for you to know that when you sign a court document, you may be helping or hurting your court case. Before you sign any court document or get involved with a court case, it is important that you carefully read the document to make sure you are doing the right thing. You may also want to contact a lawyer for legal advice and help with those issues you do not understand. The Self-Service Center has a list of local attorneys who can give you legal advice and who can help you on a task-by-task basis for a fee. If you need help with the forms, procedures and rules of the court, there is a Family Court Facilitator available to assist you.

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