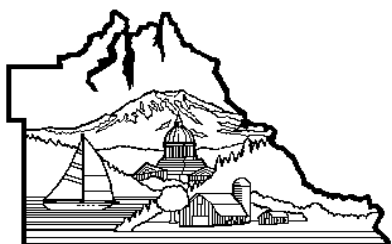


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STEP-PARENT ADOPTION

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- ✓ You want to Adopt a Child Who is the Child of Your Spouse;*
- ✓ The Other Parent of this Child Agrees to the Adoption and is Willing to Sign Consent Forms*



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HOW TO FILE FOR A STEP-PARENT ADOPTION

CHECKLIST

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

- ✓ You want to adopt the child of your spouse;
- ✓ The child's other parent consents to you adopting the child and having his or her parental rights terminated;

AND

- ✓ This child's other parent is available to sign the Consent form.

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.