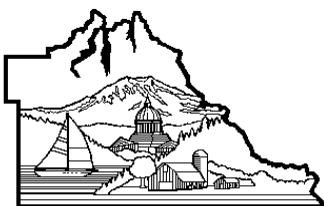


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NON-PARENT CUSTODY

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- ✓ You Do Not Have the Agreement of One or Both Parents at this Time.



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**HOW TO FILE A
NON-PARENT CUSTODY ACTION**
(Third Party Custody)

CHECKLIST

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

- You need a Custody Order for a Child Who is Not Your Own;
- You Do Not Have the Agreement of **One or Both Parents** at this time;

AND

- You may need Court orders regarding child support or a residential schedule. See additional packet information.

*If **BOTH** parents are in agreement as to the terms of this action, you should not use this packet. Please refer back to the self-help center for an agreed packet.*

IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you are seeking custody of a child who is or may be an Indian child as defined by the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 USC § 1903, notice of this action must be given in accordance with 25 U.S.C. § 1912 (a). Please review additional packet on “Indian Child Welfare Notice.”

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.