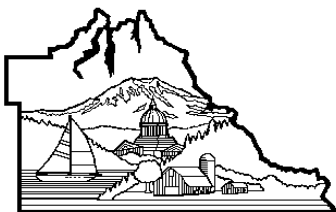


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**PETITION TO  
DECIDE  
PARENTAGE**  
*(Paternity)*

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- ✓ *You have a Dependent Child or Children*
- ✓ *You were NOT married to the other parent*
- ✓ *You have never filed a Court case about  
this child or children*



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**HOW TO FILE AN ACTION TO  
ESTABLISH PARENTAGE**  
*(Paternity)*

**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 never filed a court case about this child or children;

AND

- ✓ You need court orders regarding custody, visitation, and/or child support.

*Additional packets are available if you also need an emergency order OR if you need to schedule a hearing for temporary orders.*

*Please return to the Self-Help Center for the appropriate packet.*

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.