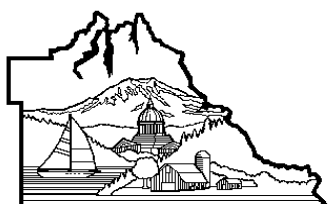


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**CHANGE IN  
CUSTODY OR  
PARENTING PLAN**

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- ✓ *Custody Change*
- ✓ *Change in Visitation Schedule*  
*(Includes Support Modification)*
- ✓ *Parents do not Agree*



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# HOW TO FILE FOR A CHANGE IN CUSTODY OR PARENTING PLAN

## CHECKLIST

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

- ✓ You want to ask the Court to change the custody or residential placement of your child or children;
- ✓ Your visitation schedule pursuant to your current Parenting Plan needs to be changed; or
- ✓ Some of the terms of your existing Parenting Plan or Custody Decree no longer meet your needs and you want to ask the Court and the other party to approve a change in these provisions;
- ✓ You must file your modification of parenting plan action in the Court where your most recent final parenting plan was entered or in the County where the child(ren) reside.

*(If you are seeking a restraining order or an emergency order granting you the right to keep your child in your care while this action is pending, you must also purchase a packet for ex parte orders. Please return to the self-help center for this packet.)*

*(If you are seeking in a change in the amount of child support ONLY, or if you and the other party are in agreement as to the changes to be made in the custody decree/parenting plan, please return to the self-help center to select a different 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-Help Center has a list of local attorneys 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.