

Instructions: How to complete your Order to Modify Legal Decision-making, Support, and Parenting Time and other court papers

STEP 1: Complete the forms in this packet before going to your court hearing.

- Have in front of you a copy of the current Parenting Plan (if you have one), Child Custody/Parenting Time Order, the Child Support Order, and any Income Withholding Order you have. You will need to look at these documents to complete the paperwork and to answer the Judge's questions at the hearing.

STEP 2: Complete the Order Modifying Child Custody, Support, and Parenting Time

- If your court order was originally from another county, make sure you use the new case number the Maricopa County Clerk of the Court assigned you.
- Leave the rest of the Order blank for the Judge to fill in.

STEP 3: Complete the other necessary documents to change custody, parenting time and support.

- Parenting Plan. Use the *Parent-Child Access Guidelines* in Instruction Packet Number 3 to help you complete this form. You may also find *Model Parenting Plans for Parent-Child Access* very helpful. The "Plan" is available for purchase from the Law Library Resource Centers or for free online from the state Supreme Court's web (Scroll down the page and select *Model Parenting Time Plans for Parent/Child Access*).
- Hints to help you complete the Parenting Plan.
 1. State your parenting time arrangements as clearly as possible. For example, Alternating weekends from after work on Friday, at 6:00 p.m. until Sunday at 6:00 p.m.
 2. Avoid vague or unclear statements such as "will share, will divide, or will decide later." These statements may result in future disputes related to different interpretations. Although flexibility and mutual agreement is encouraged, the document must be specific to be legally enforceable.
- Education Order (If applicable): (ONLY required prior to January 1, 2025.) After this date, an Education Order is not required unless otherwise ordered by the Court.
You can find this document on the Law Library Resource Center website on the Family Department page.

Use only one: Sole Education Order or Joint Education Order. The Education Order you choose must match the type of legal decision-making you are asking for in your Parenting Plan.

- Read each numbered paragraph. Fill in the information requested.
- Do not sign or date the judicial officer section at the end of the document.
- Order Stopping an Income Withholding Order: Required if this modification results in the person who is currently ordered to pay *no longer* having to pay. See the instructions in this packet to help you fill out this Order.
- Current Employer or Other Payor Information Sheet: Required if this modification results in the person currently ordered to pay *no longer* having to pay, AND if another party must now begin to pay who was not ordered to pay under the previous Order. If both situations result from this modification, copy the form before filling it out: you will need one for:
 1. the party who gets to stop making payments, and a separate one for
 2. the party who must begin making payments.
- Child Support Worksheet
You can use the free Online Child Support Calculator at the website listed below to complete a Child Support Worksheet, Child Support Order, and Current Employer Information Sheet.

ezCourtForms <http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/ezcourtforms2/>

To complete the Child Support Worksheet, Child Support Order, and Current Employer Information sheet you will need to know:

- Your case number.
- Your monthly gross income and that of the other parent.
- The monthly cost of medical insurance for minor children subject of this action.
- Monthly childcare amounts paid to others.
- The number of days the minor child(ren) spend with the non-primary residential (custodial) parent.
- Monthly obligations of yourself and the other parent for child support or court-ordered spousal maintenance/support.

After completing the Child Support calculator, print out the Child Support Worksheet, Child Support Order, and Current Employer Information Sheet and include them with your Judgment.