

FAMILY LAW SELF-HELP PROGRAM FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Temporary Custody of Minor Child(ren) by Extended Family

Self-represented individuals are provided this checklist as part of the Family Law Self-Help program for Charlotte County. This covers the basic procedural requirements for filing the type of case noted above. It is not intended to replace actual LEGAL ADVICE, which you must receive only by a licensed attorney. However, if you choose to represent yourself, this checklist should help you maneuver your case through the legal process with no unnecessary delays. Some forms referenced below may be downloaded free of charge from WWW.FLCOURTS.ORG.

Each of the forms should be kept separated to better organize your efforts and to ensure all forms/instructions are included. You may schedule an appointment with a Family Law Case Manager staff to have your documents notarized and copied at no cost.

- General Information for Self-Represented Litigants
- 2019 Florida Statutes, Title XLIII, Chapter 751

COMPLETE AND FILE:

- Cover Sheet for Family Court Cases [Form 12.928]
- Notice of Related Cases [Form 12.900(h)]
- Petition for Temporary Custody by Extended Family [Form 12.970(a)]
OR: Petition for Concurrent Custody by Extended Family [Form 12.970(b)]
- Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Affidavit [Form 12.902(d)]
- Financial Affidavit (short form) [Form 12.902(b)] Used when annual income is under \$50,000.
OR: Financial Affidavit (long form) [Form 12.902(c)] Used when annual income of \$50,000 or more.
- Notice of Social Security Number [Form 12.902(J)]
- Notice of Current Address [Form 12.915]
- Parenting Plan [Form 12.995(a)]. May be filed as proposed by one Party, or as an agreed plan if both Parties sign.
OR: Supervised/Safety Focused Parenting Plan [Form 12.995(b)]. Used in cases when Child(ren) cannot be safely alone with the other parent.
OR: Relocation/Long Distance Parenting Plan [Form 12.995(c)]
Used when planning to relocate more than 50 miles from the current principal place of residence.
- Waiver of Service of Process and Consent for Temporary Custody by Extended Family [Form 12.970(c)] Used when planning to relocate more than 50 miles from the current principal place of residence.

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- Summons: Personal Service on an Individual [Form 12.910(a)]
(Not required if the legal parent(s) have signed the Waiver & Consent. If you absolutely do not know where he or she lives, you may use constructive service.)
- Order Granting Petition for Temporary Custody by Extended Family [Form 12.970(c)]
This Order form may be provided as a courtesy to the Court. You should type or print the heading, including the case number, and the parties' names. Leave the rest blank for the judge to complete if the petition is granted.

Additional Information:

- Original forms are to be filed with the Clerk of the Court – Civil/Family
- The Clerk of the Court will advise you of any required filing fees.
- The Court may require completion of a Parenting course and/or additional information/forms not included in this checklist.