

SELF SERVICE CENTER

PETITION TO CHANGE a COURT ORDER FOR CHILD CUSTODY, PARENTING TIME (Formerly known as “VISITATION”) and CHILD SUPPORT

CHECKLIST

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

- ✓ You want to file court papers to change child custody, parenting time and child support, **AND**
- ✓ The other party will not agree to the change, **AND**
- ✓ The court order that you want to change is from an Arizona court **or** the children subject to the order you want to change have resided (lived) in Arizona at least 6 months before you file the petition papers, or you talked to a lawyer who advised you that you could pursue your case in Arizona, **AND**

One or more of the following has occurred:

- ✓ Domestic violence, spousal abuse, or child abuse has occurred since the custody order was signed, **OR**
- ✓ The child(ren)'s present surroundings may endanger the child(ren)'s physical, mental or emotional health, **OR**
- ✓ The order that you want to change was dated at least one year ago and it is in the child(ren)'s best interest to make a change to that order, **OR**
- ✓ The joint custody order that you want to change was dated at least six months ago and the other party has failed to comply with the provisions of the joint custody order.

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 see a lawyer to make sure you are doing the right thing. The Self-Service Center has a list of lawyers who can give you legal advice and can help you on a task-by-task basis for a fee. If you want to know more about our list of lawyers and our list of mediators, ask the Self-Service Center staff.