

Superior Court of Washington, County of _____

In re parenting and support of:

Children:

Petitioner *(person who started this case)*:

And Respondent *(other parent)*:

No. _____

Summons: Notice about Petition for
Parenting Plan and/or Child Support
(SM)

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and/or Child Support**

To the Respondent: The petitioner has started an action asking the court for a parenting plan and/or child support.

Important! The Petitioner **must** complete the address boxes below. If the Petitioner does not give a service address and the court's address, **this Summons will be invalid.**

☐ Petitioner ☐ Petitioner's Lawyer *(name)*:

Petitioner's Address for Service: *(This does **not** have to be a home address.)*

You may **only** serve the Petitioner by email if an email address is provided below or if the Petitioner otherwise agrees in writing. See *All Civil 006 Agreement re: Service by Email*.

☐ Email *(optional)* – Petitioner agrees to accept service of legal papers for this case by email at this address: _____

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Court's Address for Filing:

You must **respond in writing** for the court to consider your side.

Deadline! Your *Response* must be served on Petitioner within **20 days** of the date you were served this *Summons* (or 60 days if you were served outside of Washington State or in a jail, detention, or prison facility). If the case has been filed in court, you must also file your *Response* by the same deadline.

If you do not file and serve your *Response* or a *Notice of Appearance* by the deadline:

- No one has to notify you about other hearings in this case, and
- The court may approve the Petitioner's requests without hearing your side. (This is called a *default judgment*.)

Lawyer not required. It is a good idea to talk to a lawyer, but you may file and serve your *Response* without one.

Follow these steps:

1. **Read** the *Petition* and any other documents you receive with this *Summons*. These documents explain what the Petitioner is asking for.
2. **Fill Out** the *Response to Petition for a Parenting Plan and/or Child Support* (FL Parentage 332). You can get the *Response* and other forms at:
 - The Washington State Courts' website: www.courts.wa.gov/forms
 - Washington LawHelp: www.washingtonlawhelp.org, or
 - The Superior Court Clerk's office or county law library (for a fee).
3. **Serve** (give) a copy of your *Response* to Petitioner at the Petitioner's address for service on page 1.
4. **File** your original *Response* with the clerk of the court at the court's address for filing on page 1.

► _____
Signature of Petitioner **or** lawyer Date

Print name of Petitioner **or** lawyer and WSBA No.

If there is no "Case No." listed on page 1, this case may not have been filed and you will not be able to file a *Response*. Contact the Superior Court Clerk or check www.courts.wa.gov to find out.

If the case was **not** filed, you must still serve your *Response*, and you may demand that Petitioner file this case with the court. Your demand must be in writing and must be served on Petitioner or their lawyer (whoever signed this *Summons*). If Petitioner does not file papers for this case within 14 days of being served with your demand, this service on you of the *Summons* and *Petition* will not be valid. If Petitioner does file, then you must file your original *Response* with the court clerk at the address above.

This summons is issued pursuant to RCW 4.28.180 and Superior Court Civil Rule 4.1 of the State of Washington.