

Superior Court of Washington, County of _____

In re parenting and support of:

Children:

Petitioner (*person who started this case*):

And Respondent (*other parent*):

No. _____

Final Order and Findings for a Parenting Plan, Residential Schedule, and/or Child Support

(JDPPCS)

[] Clerk's action required: 1, 15, 16

**Final Order and Findings for a Parenting Plan,
Residential Schedule and/or Child Support**

1. Money Judgment Summary

[] No money judgment is ordered.

[] Summarize any money judgment from section **16** in the table below.

Judgment for	Debtor's name (person who must pay money)	Creditor's name (person who must be paid)	Amount	Interest
Lawyer fees			\$	\$
Guardian ad litem fees			\$	\$
Court costs			\$	\$
Other (<i>specify</i>):			\$	\$
Yearly Interest Rate: ____% (12% unless otherwise listed)				
Lawyer (<i>name</i>):		represents (<i>name</i>):		
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2. Court findings based on (*check all that apply*):

[] Parents' agreement.

[] Order on Motion for Default signed on (*date*): _____

[] The court's decision after a contested hearing on (*date*): _____

The following people were at the hearing (*list parents, lawyers, and any guardians ad litem*): _____

➤ **Findings & Conclusions**

3. Children

Petitioner and Respondent are parents of the following children who will be covered by a *Parenting Plan* and/or *Child Support Order*:

Child's name	Age	Child's name	Age
1.		2.	
3.		4.	
5.		6.	

4. Parentage established (*Repeat this section for each child as needed.*)

☐ **Court Order** – Parentage was established by court order for (*children's names*): _____ on (*date*): _____ by (*name of court*): _____

☐ **Acknowledgment of Parentage** – The Petitioner and Respondent signed an *Acknowledgment of Parentage* (Affidavit) for (*child's name*): _____ that was filed with the appropriate agency of the state of _____ on (*date*): _____

☐ The mother was married or in a registered domestic partnership when the child was born (or within 300 days before). Her spouse/partner (*name*): _____ signed a *Denial of Parentage* that was filed with the appropriate agency of the state of _____ on (*date*) _____.

5. Washington state deadlines for Acknowledgment of Parentage

☐ Does not apply because parentage was established either by court order or by an *Acknowledgment of Parentage* (Affidavit) filed in in a different state than Washington. (*Skip to 6.*)

☐ The *Acknowledgment of Parentage* was filed in Washington state.

a. Effective date -- The *Acknowledgment of Parentage* (and *Denial*, if any) became effective (valid) on the date the child was born or the date the *Acknowledgment of Parentage* (and *Denial*, if any) was filed with the Washington State Registrar of Vital Statistics, whichever was later.

b. Deadline to withdraw

☐ The deadline to withdraw (rescind) the *Acknowledgment of Parentage* or *Denial* has passed because:

☐ This case was filed **more** than 60 days from the effective date.

☐ This case was filed **less** than 60 days from the effective date; **but** everyone who signed the *Acknowledgment* (and *Denial*, if any) was

before the court to decide an issue about the child before this case was filed.

- ☐ The deadline to withdraw (rescind) the *Acknowledgment of Parentage* or *Denial* has **not** passed. The petition was filed too soon.

c. Deadline to challenge

- ☐ The deadline to challenge the *Acknowledgment of Parentage* or *Denial* has passed because it has been **more** than four years since effective date.
- ☐ The deadline to challenge the *Acknowledgment of Parentage* or *Denial* has **not** passed because it has been **less** than four years since the effective date.

Check one:

- ☐ The court will approve parenting and/or support orders for the child because the court finds:
- The child's acknowledged father is the father,
 - No court has said another man is the child's father,
 - There are no other open court cases to decide who the child's father is, **and**
 - Notice has been given to all other men who claimed to be this child's father.
- ☐ The court will **not** approve parenting and/or support orders for the child because the Petitioner failed to show (*check all that apply*):
- ☐ The child's acknowledged father is the father.
- ☐ No court has said another man is the child's father.
- ☐ There are no other open court cases to decide who the child's father is.
- ☐ Notice has been given to all other men who claimed to be this child's father.

6. Acknowledgment of Parentage filed in another state

- ☐ Does not apply because parentage was established either by court order or by *Acknowledgment of Parentage* filed in Washington state. (*Skip to 7.*)
- ☐ The *Acknowledgment of Parentage* was filed in a different state than Washington. The *Acknowledgment* (*check one*):
- ☐ is valid under the laws of that state.
- ☐ is not valid under the laws of that state because: _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

7. Notice and jurisdiction over parents

- Notice was given to everyone with a legal right to receive it, and
 - The court has jurisdiction over the parents in this case because (*check all that apply*):
- ☐ the Petitioner lives in Washington State.

- ☐ the Respondent lives in Washington State.
- ☐ the Respondent was personally served in this state with the *Summons* and *Petition*.
- ☐ the Respondent signed an agreement to join this *Petition* or other document agreeing that the court can decide his or her rights in this case.
- ☐ other (*specify*): _____

8. Jurisdiction over the children (RCW 26.27.201 – .221, .231, .261, .271)

- ☐ The court **cannot** order a parenting/custody order for the children because the court does not have jurisdiction over the children. (*Skip to 9.*)
- ☐ The court **can** order a parenting/custody order for the children because (*check all that apply; if a box applies to all of the children, you may write “the children” instead of listing names*):
 - ☐ **Exclusive, continuing jurisdiction** – A Washington court has already made a custody order or parenting plan for the children, and the court still has authority to make other orders for (*children’s names*): _____
 - ☐ **Home state jurisdiction** – Washington is the children’s home state because (*check all that apply*):
 - ☐ (*Children’s names*): _____ lived in Washington with a parent or someone acting as a parent for at least the 6 months just before this case was filed, or if the children were less than 6 months old when the case was filed, they had lived in Washington with a parent or someone acting as a parent since birth.
 - ☐ There were times the children were not in Washington in the 6 months just before this case was filed (or since birth if they were less than 6 months old), but those were temporary absences.
 - ☐ (*Children’s names*): _____ do not live in Washington right now, but Washington was the children’s home state sometime in the 6 months just before this case was filed, and a parent or someone acting as a parent of the children still lives in Washington.
 - ☐ (*Children’s names*): _____ do not have another home state.
 - ☐ **No home state or home state declined** – No court of any other state (or tribe) has the jurisdiction to make decisions for (*children’s names*): _____ **or** a court in the children’s home state (or tribe) decided it is better to have this case in Washington **and**:
 - The children and a parent or someone acting as a parent have ties to Washington beyond just living here; **and**
 - There is a lot of information (substantial evidence) about the children’s care, protection, education and relationships in this state.
 - ☐ **Other state declined** – The courts in other states (or tribes) that might be (*children’s names*): _____’s home state have refused to take this case because it is better to have this case in Washington.

- ☐ **Temporary emergency jurisdiction** – Washington had temporary emergency jurisdiction over (*children's names*):_____ when the case was filed, and now has jurisdiction to make a final custody decision because:
- When the case was filed, the children were abandoned in this state, or the children were in this state and the children (or children's parent, brother or sister) was abused or threatened with abuse;
 - The court signed a temporary order on (*date*) _____ saying that Washington's jurisdiction will become final if no case is filed in the children's home state (or tribe) by the time the children have been in Washington for 6 months;
 - The children have now lived in Washington for 6 months; **and**
 - No case concerning the children has been started in the children's home state (or tribe).
- ☐ Other reason (*specify*):_____

9. Parenting Plan

- ☐ Does not apply.
- ☐ The court signed the final *Parenting Plan* filed separately today or on (*date*):
_____.
- ☐ Other findings:_____

10. Child Support

- ☐ Does not apply.
- ☐ **Court Order** – The court signed the final *Child Support Order* and *Worksheets* filed separately today or on (*date*):_____.
Tax issues and post-secondary (college or vocational school) support are covered in the Child Support Order.
- ☐ **Administrative Order** – The court is **not** issuing a child support order. There is an administrative child support order established by DSHS Division of Child Support (DCS) for the dependent children.
- DCS child support orders do not cover tax issues or post-secondary (college or vocational school) support. Therefore, the court orders:
- ☐ **Tax Issues** – The parties have the right to claim the children as their dependents for purposes of personal tax exemptions and associated tax credits on their tax forms as follows (*describe*):_____

For tax years when a non-custodial parent has the right to claim the children, the parents must cooperate to fill out and submit IRS Form 8332 in a timely manner.

Important! Although the personal tax exemptions are currently suspended under federal law through tax year 2025, other tax benefits may flow from claiming a child as dependent.

- ☐ **Post-secondary (college or vocational school)** –The court orders:
- ☐ A parent may ask the court for post-secondary support at a later date, but they must file that request before the duty to pay child support ends.

- ☐ The parents must pay for the children's post-secondary support. The parents will make a post-secondary support plan or the court will order one.
- ☐ Post-secondary support is **not** required.
- ☐ Other (*specify*): _____
- ☐ Other findings: _____

11. Protection Order

- ☐ No one requested a *Protection Order* in this case.
- ☐ **Approved** – The request for a *Protection Order* is approved. The *Protection Order* is filed separately.
- ☐ **Denied** – The request for a *Protection Order* is denied. The *Denial Order* is filed separately.
- ☐ **Renewed/Changed** – The existing *Protection Order* filed in or combined with this case is renewed or changed as described in the following order, filed separately (*check one*):
- ☐ *Order on Renewal of Protection Order*
- ☐ *Order Modifying/Terminating Protection Order*
- ☐ Other findings: _____

12. Restraining Order

- ☐ No one requested a *Restraining Order* in this case.
- ☐ **Approved** – The request for a *Restraining Order* is approved. The *Restraining Order* is filed separately.
- ☐ **Denied** – The request for a *Restraining Order* is denied.
- ☐ Other findings: _____

13. Fees and Costs

- ☐ Each party should pay their own fees and costs.
- ☐ (*Name*): _____ incurred fees and costs, and needs help to pay those fees and costs. (*Name*): _____ has the ability to help pay fees and costs and should be ordered to pay the amount as listed in the Money Judgment in section **16** below. The court finds that the amount ordered is reasonable.
- ☐ Fees for a guardian ad litem (GAL) or other court-appointed professional should be paid as listed in the Money Judgment in section **16** below. The court has considered relevant factors including each party's ability to pay, and finds the fees as ordered are reasonable.
- ☐ Other findings: _____

14. Other findings, if any

➤ Court Orders

15. Decision (check all that apply):

- ☐ **Denied** – The court denies the *Petition*. All temporary orders are ended.
- ☐ **Approved** – The court approves the *Petition*. All temporary orders are ended. The court signed the following orders filed separately:
- ☐ *Parenting Plan* ☐ *Order for Protection*
- ☐ *Restraining Order* ☐ *Child Support Order*
- ☐ Other orders: _____

- ☐ The guardian ad litem is discharged.
- ☐ Check this box if the court previously signed a temporary Restraining Order and is **not** signing a final Restraining Order in this case. Also check the “Clerk’s action required” box in the caption on page 1.

Name of law enforcement agency where the Protected Person lived when the Restraining Order was issued: _____

To the Clerk: Provide a copy of this Order to the agency listed above within 1 court day. The law enforcement agency must remove the temporary Restraining Order from the state’s database.

16. Money Judgment (summarized on page 1)

- ☐ No money judgment is ordered.
- ☐ The court orders a money judgment as follows:

Judgment for	Debtor’s name (person who must pay money)	Creditor’s name (person who must be paid)	Amount	Interest
<input type="checkbox"/> Lawyer fees			\$	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Guardian ad litem fees			\$	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Court costs			\$	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):			\$	\$

The **interest rate** is 12% unless another amount is listed below.

☐ The interest rate is _____% because (explain): _____

☐ Other: _____

17. Other orders, if any

Ordered.

Date

Judge or Commissioner

Petitioner and Respondent or their lawyers fill out below:

This document (*check any that apply*):

☐ is an agreement of the parties

☐ is presented by me

☐ may be signed by the court without notice to me

This document (*check any that apply*):

☐ is an agreement of the parties

☐ is presented by me

☐ may be signed by the court without notice to me

Petitioner signs here or lawyer signs here + WSBA #

Respondent signs here or lawyer signs here + WSBA #

Print Name

Date

Print Name

Date

☐ **Guardian ad Litem:**

This document (*check all that apply*):

☐ is an agreement of the parties

☐ is presented by me

☐ may be signed by the court without notice to me

GAL signs here

Print name and WSBA # (if any)

Date

☐ **If any parent or child received public assistance:**

The state Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) was notified about this Order, and has reviewed and approved the following orders:

☐ Child support

☐ Medical support

☐ Past due child support

☐ Other (*specify*): _____

Deputy Prosecutor signs here

Print name and WSBA #

Date