

Superior Court of Washington, County of _____

In re parentage:

Petitioner *(person who started this case)*:

And Respondent/s *(other party/parties)*:

No. _____

Declaration about Child Custody Jurisdiction
(UCCJEA)
(DCLR)

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I declare:

My name is _____.

1. Child

I am asking the court to make a decision about a parenting plan, residential schedule, or custody/visitation order for this child:

Child's name <i>(first, middle, last)</i>	Born <i>(month/day/year)</i>	Lives in <i>(county and state)</i>

Important! If multiple children are listed, change "child" to "children" in this form as needed.

2. Child's Home/s

During the past 5 years has the child lived:

- on an Indian reservation,
- outside Washington state,
- in a foreign country, or
- with anyone who is not a party to this case?

No.

Yes. (Fill out below to show where the child has lived during the last 5 years.)

Dates	Lived with	In which state, Indian reservation, or foreign country
From: To:	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Resp. (name/s): <input type="checkbox"/> Other (name/s):	
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3. Other people with a legal right to spend time with the child

Do you know of anyone besides yourself and the other parties to this case who have or claim to have a legal right to spend time with the child?

No.

Yes. (Name/s) _____ has or claims to have a legal right to spend time with this child because:

4. Other court cases involving the child

Do you know of any court cases involving the child?

(Check one): No. Yes. (Fill out below.)

Kind of case (Family Law, Criminal, Protection Order, Juvenile, Dependency, Other)	County and State	Case number and year

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5. **Jurisdiction over the child (RCW 26.27.201 – .221, .231, .261, .271)**

- The court **can** decide a *Parenting Plan* or *Residential Schedule* for the child and decide who the child should live with most of the time because:
 - Exclusive, continuing jurisdiction** – A Washington court has already made a custody order or parenting plan for the child, and the court still has authority to make other orders for the child.
 - Home state jurisdiction** – Washington is the child’s home state because *(check all that apply)*:
 - The child 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 child is less than 6 months old, the child has lived in Washington with a parent or someone acting as a parent since birth.
 - There were times the child was not in Washington in the 6 months just before this case was filed (or since birth if the child is less than 6 months old), but those were temporary absences.
 - The child does not live in Washington right now, but Washington was the child’s home state some time in the 6 months just before this case was filed, and a parent or someone acting as a parent of the child still lives in Washington.
 - The child does 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 the child, **or** a court in the child’s home state (or tribe) decided it is better to have this case in Washington **and**:
 - The child 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 child’s care, protection, education and relationships in this state.
 - Other state declined** – The courts in other states (or tribes) that might be the child’s home state have refused to take this case because it is better to have this case in Washington.
 - Temporary emergency jurisdiction** – The court can make decisions for the child because the child is in this state now **and** was abandoned here **or** needs emergency protection because the child (or the child’s parent, brother or sister) was abused or threatened with abuse. *(Check one)*:
 - A custody case involving the child was filed in the child’s home state *(name of state or tribe)*: _____ . Washington

should take temporary emergency jurisdiction over the child until the Petitioner can get a court order from the child's home state (or tribe).

There is **no** valid custody order or open custody case in the child's home state (*name of state or tribe*): _____ . If no case is filed *in the child's home state (or tribe)* by the time the child has been in Washington for 6 months, (*date*): _____, Washington should have final jurisdiction over the child.

Other reason (*specify*): _____

The court **cannot** decide a *Parenting Plan* or *Residential Schedule* for the child or decide who the child should live with most of the time because the court does not have jurisdiction over the child.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the facts I have provided on this form are true.

Signed at _____ Date: _____
city state

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Sign here Print name here