

Superior Court of Washington, County of _____

In re custody of:

Children:

Petitioner/s (*person/s who started this case*):

Respondents (*parents and any guardian or custodian*):

No. _____

Non-Parent Custody Petition
(PTCUS)

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1. Petitioner's Information

My name is: _____

My relationship to the children in this case: _____

I live in (*county and state only*): _____

If there is another Petitioner in this case, put the other Petitioner's information below.

My name is: _____

My relationship to the children in this case: _____

I live in (*county and state only*): _____

2. Children

I ask the court for custody of the following children who can be found or permanently reside in the county and state where this *Petition* is filed:

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

3. The following adults live in Petitioner's household:

Adult's Name	Age	Adult's Name	Age
1.		2.	
3.		4.	

4. Respondents' Information

List the children's parents, and any guardian or custodian other than the parents.

Respondent (name): _____

Relationship to the children in this case: _____

Lives in (county and state only): _____

Other Respondent, if any (name): _____

Relationship to the children in this case: _____

Lives in (county and state only): _____

Other Respondent, if any (name): _____

Relationship to the children in this case: _____

Lives in (county and state only): _____

5. Why the children should not live with a parent

I have valid reasons (adequate cause) to ask for custody of these children. The children should not live with either parent and (check at least one box):

The children are not living with either parent. The children have been living with (name/s): _____ since (date): _____.

Neither parent is a suitable custodian.

AND

The parents are unfit, or even if they may be fit, the children will suffer actual detriment (harm) to their growth and development if they live with either parent.

(Give facts that support the statements above for **each** parent.)

6. Why the children should live with Petitioner/s

It is in the children’s best interests for the court to give me custody and approve the other requests in this *Petition* because (*explain*): _____

7. Respondents’ Visitation

I ask the court to approve my proposed *Residential Schedule* (form FL Non-Parent 405). This schedule may include reasons for limiting one or both parents’ visitation. (*Check one*):

I am filing and serving my proposed *Residential Schedule* with this *Petition*.

I will file and serve my proposed *Residential Schedule* later.

I ask the court to give **no visitation** to either parent because the following reasons for limiting visitation apply and are severe enough to justify no visitation (*check at least one reason for each parent and name the parent/s that factor applies to*):

Abandonment – (*name/s*): _____ intentionally abandoned a child listed in **2** for an extended time.

Neglect – (*name/s*): _____ substantially refused to perform his/her parenting duties for a child listed in **2**.

Child Abuse – (*name/s*): _____ (or someone living in that parent’s home) abused or threatened to abuse a child. The abuse was (*check all that apply*): physical sexual repeated emotional abuse.

Domestic Violence – (*name/s*): _____ (or someone living in that parent’s home) has a history of domestic violence as defined in RCW 26.50.010(1).

Assault – (*name/s*): _____ (or someone living in that parent’s home) has assaulted or sexually assaulted someone causing grievous physical harm or fear of such harm.

Sex Offense – (*name/s*): _____ has been convicted of a sex offense as an adult.

someone living in (*name/s*): _____’s home has been convicted as an adult or adjudicated as a juvenile of a sex offense.

Other Reason (*specify*): _____

8. Support, insurance, and taxes

The children have a right to child support (including medical support) from the legal parents according to state law.

Support – I ask the court to order the parents to (*check all that apply*):

- pay child support according to the *Child Support Schedule Worksheets*.
- provide and keep health insurance for the children.
- pay children's day care, uninsured medical or other expenses.
- no request.

Tax Issues – I ask the court to order:

- Petitioners have the right to claim the children as dependents for purposes of personal tax exemptions and associated tax credits on our tax forms.

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

- (*other*): _____?

9. Personal jurisdiction over Respondents

Does a Washington state court have personal jurisdiction (authority to make decisions) over (**Respondent's** name): _____?

Yes, because s/he (*check all that apply*):

- will be personally served in this state with a *Summons* and *Petition* for this case.
- lives in this state now.
- lived in this state with the children.
- lived in this state and paid for pregnancy costs or support for the children.
- did or said something that caused the children to live in this state.
- had sex in this state, which may have produced the children.
- 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*): _____

No. (None of the reasons listed above apply.)

Does a Washington state court have personal jurisdiction (authority to make decisions) over (**Other Respondent's** name): _____?

Yes, because s/he (*check all that apply*):

- will be personally served in this state with a *Summons* and *Petition* for this case.
- lives in this state now.
- lived in this state with the children.
- lived in this state and paid for pregnancy costs or support for the children.
- did or said something that caused the children to live in this state.
- had sex in this state, which may have produced the children.

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*): _____

No. (None of the reasons listed above apply.)

Check here if there are *more Respondents*. Give those people's names, say whether or not the court has personal jurisdiction over each person, and why:

10. Children's Home/s

During the past 5 years have any of the children lived:

- on an Indian reservation,
- outside Washington state,
- in a foreign country, or
- with anyone other than Petitioners and/or Respondents?

No. (*Skip to 11.*)

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

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

Do you know of anyone besides you and the Respondents who has or claims to have a legal right to spend time with any of these children?

(Check one): No. (Skip to **12.**) Yes. (Fill out below.)

Name of person	Children this person may have the right to spend time with
	<input type="checkbox"/> All children <input type="checkbox"/> (Name/s):
	<input type="checkbox"/> All children <input type="checkbox"/> (Name/s):

12. Other court cases involving a child

Do you know of any court cases involving any of these children?

(Check one): No. (Skip to **13.**) Yes. (Fill out below.)

Kind of case (Family Law, Criminal, Protection Order, Juvenile, Dependency, Other)	County and State	Case number and year	Children
			<input type="checkbox"/> All children <input type="checkbox"/> (Name/s):
			<input type="checkbox"/> All children <input type="checkbox"/> (Name/s):
			<input type="checkbox"/> All children <input type="checkbox"/> (Name/s):
			<input type="checkbox"/> All children <input type="checkbox"/> (Name/s):

13. Are any of the children Indian children?

(An **Indian child** is a child who is a member of an Indian tribe, or who is the biological child of an Indian tribe member and eligible for membership. You must try to find out if any child in this case is an Indian child. If so, the federal and state Indian Child Welfare Acts will apply to your case.)

Check all that apply:

No.

None of the children are Indian children.

These children are not Indian children (name/s): _____

I know this because: _____

Yes. These children are Indian children:

Children	Tribe
<input type="checkbox"/> All children <input type="checkbox"/> (name/s):	
<input type="checkbox"/> All children <input type="checkbox"/> (name/s):	

I will provide the *Indian Child Welfare Act Notice* (form FL Non-Parent 402) and a copy of this *Petition* to the tribe/s named above and other necessary people or agencies.

Maybe. These children may be eligible for membership in these tribes:

Children	Tribe
<input type="checkbox"/> All children <input type="checkbox"/> (name/s):	
<input type="checkbox"/> All children <input type="checkbox"/> (name/s):	

I will provide the *Indian Child Welfare Act Notice* (form FL Non-Parent 402) and a copy of this *Petition* to the tribe/s named above (and other necessary people or agencies) to find out whether any of the children are eligible for membership.

I do not know if any of the children are Indian children. I have done the following things to try to find out:

14. Jurisdiction over Indian children

Does not apply. None of the children are Indian children.

A state court can decide this case for the Indian children because:

(Children's names): _____ are **not** domiciled or living on an Indian reservation, and are not wards of a tribal court. (25 USC §1911)

(Children's names): _____ **are** domiciled or living on an Indian reservation, and (check all that apply):

The children's tribe agrees to Washington State's concurrent jurisdiction.

The children's tribe decided not to use its exclusive jurisdiction (expressly declined). (RCW 13.38.060)

Washington State should claim emergency jurisdiction for children temporarily located off the reservation to protect the children from immediate physical damage or harm. (RCW 13.38.140)

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

This Court can decide this case 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 are less than 6 months old, they have 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 are 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** – The court can make decisions for (*children’s names*): _____ because the children are in this state now **and** were abandoned here **or** need emergency protection because the children (or the children’s parent, brother, or sister) were abused or threatened with abuse. (*Check one*):
- A custody case involving the children was filed in the children’s home state (*name of state or tribe*): _____. Washington should take temporary emergency jurisdiction over the children until the Petitioner can get a court order from the children’s home state (or tribe).
 - There is **no** valid custody order or open custody case in the children’s home state (*name of state or tribe*): _____. 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, (date): _____, Washington should have final jurisdiction over the children.

[] Other reason (specify): _____

16. Protection Order

Do you want the court to issue an Order for Protection as part of the final orders in this case?

[] **No.** I do not want an Order for Protection.

[] **Yes.** (You must file a Petition for Order for Protection, form DV-1.015 for domestic violence, or form UHST-02.0200 for harassment. You may file your Petition for Order for Protection using the same case number assigned to this case.)

Important! If you need protection **now**, ask the court clerk about getting a Temporary Order for Protection.

[] **There already is an Order for Protection between (name):** _____ **and me.** (Describe):

Court that issued the order: _____

Case number: _____

Expiration date: _____

17. Restraining Order

Do you want the court to issue a Restraining Order as part of the final orders in this case?

[] **No.** (Skip to **18**.)

[] **Yes.** Check the type of orders you want:

[] **Do not disturb** – Order (name/s) _____ not to disturb my peace or the peace of any child listed in **2**.

[] **Stay away** – Order (name/s) _____ not to go onto the grounds of or enter my home, workplace, or school, and the daycare or school of any child listed in **2**.

[] Also, not knowingly to go or stay within _____ feet of my home, workplace, or school, or the daycare or school of any child listed in **2**.

[] **Do not hurt or threaten** – Order (name/s) _____:

- Not to assault, harass, stalk or molest me or any child listed in **2**; and
- Not to use, try to use, or threaten to use physical force against me or the children that would reasonably be expected to cause bodily injury.

Warning! If the court makes this order, the court must consider if weapons restrictions are required by state law; federal law may also prohibit the Restrained Person from possessing firearms or ammunition.

[] **Prohibit weapons and order surrender** – Order (name/s) _____:

- Not to access, possess, or obtain any firearms, other dangerous weapons, or concealed pistol licenses until the Order ends, and

- To immediately surrender any firearms, other dangerous weapons, and any concealed pistol licenses that he/she possesses to (*check one*): the police chief or sheriff. his/her lawyer. other person (*name*): _____.

Other restraining orders: _____

Important! If you want a restraining order **now**, you must file a Motion for Temporary Non-Parent Custody Order and Restraining Order (form FL Non-Parent 423) or a Motion for Immediate Restraining Order (Ex Parte) (form FL Non-Parent 421).

18. Fees and costs

- No request.
- Order who should pay for court costs, guardian ad litem fees, lawyer fees, and other reasonable fees.

19. Other requests, if any

Petitioner fills out below:

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 (*city and state*): _____ Date: _____

▶ _____
Petitioner signs here *Print name*

Other Petitioner (if any) fills out below:

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 (*city and state*): _____ Date: _____

▶ _____
Other Petitioner signs here *Print name*

Petitioner's lawyer (if any) fills out below:

▶ _____
Petitioner's lawyer signs here *Print name and WSBA No.* *Date*

Warning! Documents filed with the court are available for anyone to see unless they are sealed. Financial, medical, and confidential reports, as described in General Rule 22, **must** be sealed so they can only be seen by the court, the other parties, and the lawyers in your case. Seal those documents by filing them separately, using a *Sealed* cover sheet (form FL All Family 011, 012, or 013). You may ask for an order to seal other documents.

[] Respondent fills out below if s/he agrees to join this Petition:

I, (name): _____, agree to join this *Petition*. I understand that if I fill out and sign below, the court may approve the requests listed in this *Petition* unless I file and serve a *Response* before the court signs final orders. (Check one):

- I do not need to be notified about the court's hearings or decisions in this case.
- I ask the Petitioner to notify me about any hearings in this case. (List an address where you agree to accept legal documents. This may be a lawyer's address or any other address.)

address city state zip

(If this address changes before the case ends, you **must** notify all parties and the court clerk in writing. You may use the Notice of Address Change form (FL All Family 120). You must also update your Confidential Information Form (FL All Family 001) if this case involves parentage or child support.)

▶ _____

Respondent signs here Print name Date

[] Other Respondent fills out below if s/he agrees to join this Petition:

I, (name): _____, agree to join this *Petition*. I understand that if I fill out and sign below, the court may approve the requests listed in this *Petition* unless I file and serve a *Response* before the court signs final orders. (Check one):

- I do not need to be notified about the court's hearings or decisions in this case.
- I ask the Petitioner to notify me about any hearings in this case. (List an address where you agree to accept legal documents. This may be a lawyer's address or any other address.)

address city state zip

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▶ _____

Other Respondent signs here Print name Date