# AGREEMENT TO MODIFY PARENTING TIME OR PARENTING TIME and CHILD SUPPORT

# WHEN ALL PARTIES WILL SIGN AGREEMENT TO MODIFY

(Forms and Instructions)

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# AGREEMENT TO MODIFY PARENTING TIME or PARENTING TIME and CHILD SUPPORT

## **CHECKLIST**

# You may use this packet only if . . .

- ✓ You have a current "Parenting Time or Parenting Time and Support Order" that was entered in Yuma County,
- ✓ You wish to modify the Order,
- ✓ ALL parties AGREE to modify the Order,
- ✓ You have the notarized signatures of all parties on the Agreement, AND
- ✓ If either party is using the child support collection or enforcement services of the State, you also have the signature of the Attorney General's representative (from DCSE, the Division of Child Support Enforcement).
- ✓ You understand these forms do not deal with back child support (arrears).

#### DO NOT USE THESE FORMS IF . . .

- X The other party will not sign the agreement (in front of a notary or Court Clerk).
- X You want to change CUSTODY.\*
- \* If you want to change from joint to sole custody or vice-versa, see the checklist for either the "Agreement" or the "Request" to Change Custody, Support and Parenting Time to determine whether either applies to your situation.

**FEE WARNING:** An Agreement (or "stipulation") is a filing by BOTH parties. If one of the parties has not previously "made an appearance", that is he and/or she have not previously filed a response or other papers and paid a filing fee in this case, there will be a substantial **appearance fee** due from that party **in addition to** the filing fee for the modification itself.

**READ ME:** Consulting a lawyer before filing documents with the court may help prevent unexpected results. A list of lawyers you may hire to advise you on handling your own case or to perform specific tasks, as well as a list of court-approved mediators can be found on the Law Library Resource Center website.

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# Agreement to change a court order for parenting time or parenting time and child support

(Forms and instructions)

This packet contains court forms and instructions for an agreement to change a court order for parenting time or parenting time and child support. Items in bold are forms that you will need to file with the Court. Non-bold items are instructions or procedures. Do not copy or file those pages!

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# Instructions: How to file your agreement to modify Parenting Time (visitation) or Parenting Time and Child Support

- Step 1: Determine whether this court has the authority to hear your case. Either party or the minor children must live in Yuma County to file for modification in this county:
  - A. If the Court Order you want to change is from Yuma County, Arizona:
    - You will need a copy of the Order to fill out the paperwork. Use your copy of the Order, or get a copy of the Order from court records.
  - B. If the Court Order you want to change is from another county in Arizona:
    - Get a certified copy of the Order you want to change from the other county, AND
    - Bring the certified copy with you when you come to the Clerk of Superior Court to file your court papers, AND
    - Give the certified copy of the Order to the Clerk of Superior Court before filing any additional paperwork, AND
    - The Clerk of Superior Court will file the Order and assign a case number to your new case.
  - C. If the Court Order you want to change is from a state OTHER THAN Arizona:
    - Talk to a lawyer who can tell you what requirements are necessary for you to file for modification in Arizona.
- Step 2: Decide whether you need to change parenting time <u>and</u> child support or just parenting time. In making your decision, you should know that the number of parenting time days the non-custodial parent has may affect the amount of child support he/she must pay.
  - You will need to complete a new Child Support Worksheet based on the proposed new parenting time schedule.
  - The Worksheet will indicate whether child support would change, based on the Arizona Child Support Guidelines.
  - If the Worksheet does not show there would be a change under the Guidelines and the parties have not agreed to a change in child support, there is no need to complete the Current Employer Information sheet (CEI) or the Order Stopping Income Withholding Order which are included in the separate "Forms" packet, unless requested by the Court.

- Step 3: Complete the forms in this packet IF both parties agree to ask the Court to modify or change an existing Court Order for parenting time or parenting time and child support.
  - Have in front of you a copy of the current parenting plan (if you have one), Parenting Time Order, the Child Support Order, and any Income Withholding Order. You will need to look at these documents to complete all the paperwork now.
  - Refer to "Planning for Parenting Time: Arizona's Guide for Parents Living Apart" to help make your new parenting plan. See Step 6 on next page for more information.
  - Complete a Child Support Worksheet. Note that you are free to agree to an
    amount that differs from the amount indicated by the Worksheet, subject to
    approval of the Court, which is required to act "in the best interests of the
    children."

Use the *FREE* online child support calculator create the Child Support Worksheet available at:

AzCourts <a href="https://www.azcourts.gov/familylaw/2018-child-support-calculator">https://www.azcourts.gov/familylaw/2018-child-support-calculator</a>

- Step 4: Complete the Stipulation (Agreement) to Modify the Prior Court Order Regarding Parenting Time or Parenting Time and Child Support.
  - In the top left corner of the first page, write in all information requested about the Petitioner/Party A and the Respondent/Party B. Both parties stay "Petitioner/Party A" or "Respondent/Party B" as on the court order you are agreeing to modify. If the court order you want to modify was issued outside Yuma County and this is the first time you have filed to modify that order in Yuma County, write in the names of the Petitioner/Party A and the Respondent/Party B as listed on the papers given to you by the Clerk of Superior Court when you registered or transferred the case to this county. Write in your Yuma County case number.
  - Check the box to say whether you want to change parenting time or parenting time and child support.
  - Read paragraph 1 (one). Make sure this statement is true.
  - Read paragraph 2 (two). Write in the date the Judge signed the Order you want to change, and then write in the name of the Judge who signed the Order you want to change. Follow the instructions in paragraph two about attaching a copy of the Order.
  - Read paragraph 3 (three). Make sure this statement is true.
  - <u>ALL</u> Parties Must Sign this Agreement. That means:

- 1. BOTH parents must sign in front of the Clerk of Superior Court at the Filing Counter or a Notary, and
- 2. If the State of Arizona (DES/DCSE) is involved in your case, a representative of the Arizona Attorney General's office, DCSE, must ALSO sign <u>before</u> you turn in the papers.
- Step 5: Complete the Order Modifying Parenting Time and/or Child Support.
  - Write in all information requested about the Party A and the Party B, the case number, etc. as on the Agreement to Modify.
  - THE COURT FINDS: Paragraph 3 (three). Write in the name(s) of the minor child(ren), their birth date(s) and their age(s).
  - THE COURT ORDERS:
    Paragraph 1: Write in the date the court order you want to change was signed by the Judge.

Paragraph A: Parenting Time. Make sure you and the other party fill out, sign and attach a Parenting Plan.

Paragraph B: Child Support. If you are asking to have child support changed, check the box in front of "Child Support." Then check the box to say whether mother or father will pay child support, and then write in the amount of child support that person will pay each month. If you both agree the amount of child support should be different ("deviate") from the amount indicated by the Child Support Worksheet, write in WHY in the space provided. You will also need to complete and submit a child support worksheet when deviating.

Paragraph C: Medical, Dental, Vision Care Insurance, Payments and Expenses.

If you are asking for a change in which parent provides insurance, check the box to indicate whether mother or father will provide medical, dental, and/or vision care insurance. Then write in what percentage each parent will pay of the uninsured expenses.

Paragraph D: Tax Deductions. If you are asking for a change in which parent gets to claim the federal income tax deduction for one or more of the children, fill in the information necessary to indicate the desired change here.

Paragraph E: Other Orders. If there are other matters you both agree on that you want the Court to make an order in your case, write these in the space provided.

Judge/Commissioner's Signature and Court Date: Leave this space blank.

• You and the other party must sign the Order in front of a Clerk of Superior Court or a Notary Public. If either party is represented by an attorney, the attorney must sign as well. If the State of Arizona is involved in your case because of child support issues, a representative of the Attorney General (DCSE) must also sign (both the Agreement and the Order).

# Step 6: Complete the other necessary documents:

• Parenting Plan.

Refer to "Planning for Parenting Time: Arizona's Guide for Parents Living Apart" to help make your new parenting plan. The Guide is available for purchase at the Law Library Resource Center locations, or may be viewed online and downloaded for free from the state courts' web page at: https://www.azcourts.gov/selfservicecenter/Booklets.aspx

Hints to help you complete the Parenting Plan:

- 1. State your Parenting Time arrangements as clearly as possible. For example,

  Alternating weekends from after work on Friday at 6:00 n m until Sunday
  - Alternating weekends from after work on Friday, at 6:00 p.m. until Sunday at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. Avoid vague or unclear statements such as "will share, will divide, or will decide later." These statements may result in future disputes related to different interpretations. Although flexibility and mutual agreement is encouraged, the document must be specific to be legally enforceable.
- Child Support Worksheet. Use the FREE online child support calculator to produce the Child Support Worksheet that <u>must</u> accompany this Agreement. See the instruction document DRS12h in this packet for more information.

# Other forms you may need

Current Employer Information Sheet (CEI) (may include sources of money other than employer) Complete a CEI for the parent who is paying child support under the current court order. If this agreement changes which parent pays child support, include a CEI for <u>both</u> parents.

Order Stopping Income Withholding Order

IF the agreement results in the parent who is currently paying no longer having to pay, include an Order Stopping Income Withholding Order to be sent to that parent's employer.

When you have completed all needed forms, go to the "Procedures" page and follow the steps listed there.

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# INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING AN "ORDER STOPPING AN INCOME WITHHOLDING ORDER"

## **DEFINITIONS:**

"Obligor" "Payor" is the person ordered to make support payments.

"Obligee" "Payee" is the person or agency entitled to receive support.

## **COMPLETE THIS FORM IF:**

You completed a "Request to Stop Income Withholding Order" and marked a box in Section A of Item 8 on the Request form.

## TO COMPLETE THIS FORM YOU WILL NEED:

Information from, or your copy of, the "Income Withholding Order."

# FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS NUMBERED TO MATCH THE IDENTIFYING NUMBERS ON THE FORM. TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY USING BLACK INK.

- (1) Fill in the name of the person shown as the petitioner on the "Income Withholding Order."
- (2) Fill in the name of the person shown as the respondent on the "Income Withholding Order."
- (3) Fill in the case number that appears on the "Income Withholding Order."
- (4) Fill in the Atlas Number on the "Income Withholding Order."
- (5) Fill in the name of the person/employee obligated to make payments on the "Income Withholding Order."
- (6) Fill in the date the "Income Withholding Order" was signed (Item 10 on the Order).

Leave the rest of the form blank. The judicial officer (judge, commissioner, or referee) will complete the remaining items at the time of hearing.

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# How to complete a Child Support Worksheet

Use the **free** online child support calculator to produce the Child Support Worksheet that <u>must</u> be turned in along with your other court papers.

Using the online calculator is <u>free</u> (access to the Internet and a printer required).

If you do not have access to the Internet and/or a printer, you may use the computers at any Law Library Resource Center location. There is a small, per-page charge for printing. The online calculator is available at:

AzCourt <a href="https://www.azcourts.gov/familylaw/2018-child-support-calculator">https://www.azcourts.gov/familylaw/2018-child-support-calculator</a>

# Advantages of Using the Online Child Support Calculator

- The online calculator is free.
- The online calculator does the math for you.
- The online calculator produces a neater, more readable worksheet.
- The online calculator produces a more accurate child support calculation, and
- You don't have to go through 35 pages of Guidelines and Instructions.

If you want to perform the calculations <u>yourself</u>, you will need an additional 60 or more pages of guidelines, instructions, and the Child Support Worksheet form. These are available to be downloaded for free from (<a href="https://www.azcourts.gov/familylaw/Child-Support-Guidelines">https://www.azcourts.gov/familylaw/Child-Support-Guidelines</a>).

When you have completed all needed forms, go to the "Procedures" page and follow the steps.

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# Procedures: What to do after you have completed the forms to modify parenting time or parenting time and child support by agreement

STEP 1: Make three copies of the:

- "Agreement to Modify Parenting Time or Parenting Time <u>and</u> Child Support" (listed below as "Agreement to Modify")
- "Order Modifying Parenting Time or Parenting Time and Child Support" (listed below as ("Order Modifying")
- "Parenting Plan"
- "Child Support Worksheet"

# STEP 2 Separate your documents into 4 sets (1 set of Originals and 3 sets of copies\*).

## Set 1 – ORIGINALS to file with Clerk

- "Agreement to Modify" (1 original)
- "Order Modifying"
- "Child Support Worksheet"

# Set 2 - COPIES for Other Party

- "Agreement to Modify"
- "Parenting Plan"
- "Child Support Worksheet"

# Set 3 - COPIES for You

- "Agreement to Modify"
- "Order Modifying"
- "Child Support Worksheet"

# Set 4: COPIES for the Judge

- "Agreement to Modify"
- "Order Modifying"
- "Parenting Plan"
- "Child Support Worksheet"

\*Also include these original documents:

- "Order Stopping Income Withholding Order" (if applicable)\*
- "Current Employer Information"
- "Current Employer Information"\* (for other parent, if applicable)\*

(if applicable) \*\*

+2 Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelopes:

One Addressed to you;

One Addressed to the Other Party

- \* IF the agreement results in the parent who is currently paying NO LONGER having to pay, include an "Order Stopping Order of Assignment" to be sent to that parent's employer.
- \* IF the Agreement *changes which parent pays* child support, include a "Current Employer Information" sheet for that parent, the one who will now pay child support, also.

# STEP 3: GO TO the Clerk of Superior Court's filing counter.

Present the originals and all sets of copies to the Clerk at the filing counter. The Clerk will keep the originals, stamp the copies to show that these are copies of papers filed with the Court, and return the stamped copies to you. These stamped sets of copies are now called "conformed" copies.

You may file your papers from 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday, at any of the following Superior Court locations:

# Yuma County Justice Center Clerk of Superior Court 250 W. 2nd Street Yuma, Arizona 85364

FEES: There are filing fees and service fees for all court actions such as filing petitions, forms, responses, requests, motions, objections, etc.). A list of current fees is available from the Law Library Resource Center and on the Clerk of Superior Court's website.

An Agreement (or "Stipulation") is a filing by BOTH parties. There will also be a substantial "appearance fee" due from the Respondent, if he or she has not previously "made an appearance", that is filed a response or other papers and paid a filing fee in this case.

If you cannot afford the filing fee, you may request a *deferral* (payment plan) when you file your papers with the Clerk of the Court. Deferral Applications are available at no charge from the Law Library Resource Center.

STEP 4: Make sure you get back the following from the Clerk

<u>ALL</u> Sets of copies with the Clerk's stamp on them (which shows they are "conformed" copies – meaning they are duplicates of papers filed with the Court).

What the Court may do:

- Grant the relief you requested;
- Schedule a hearing for you and the other party if the Judge needs additional information;
- Return your paperwork because you did not show good reason for the change requested or the paperwork was incomplete; OR
- Enter other orders the Judge thinks proper.

STEP 5: WAIT for the Court to let you know whether the Order was signed or the matter was set for a hearing. If a hearing is scheduled, you will receive written notice of when and where to appear (date, time, and location).

If you do not hear from the Court within 3 weeks, you may call the office of the Judge assigned to your case to ask about the status of your paperwork. Note that you will not be able to speak to the Judge or Commissioner and court staff cannot tell you what was decided.

REMINDER! <u>Did you provide two self-addressed, stamped envelopes</u> as described in STEP 2 and 4. above.

Person Filing: (A)		
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City, State, Zip Code:		
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Email Address:		
ATLAS Number:		
Lawyer's Bar Number:		FOR CLERK'S USE ONLY
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Respondent's Name or Lawyer's Name: (B)		
Email Address:		
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PETITIONER AND RESPONDENT AGREE	AS FOLLOWS:	
1. AGREE AND UNDERSTAND: I have read this Parenting time and/or Support Order." I under Stipulation and Order which is attached. Parenting be ordered in accordance with the attached Order both parties. (D)	erstand and agree with g Time and Child Supp	what is written in the port, if necessary, shall
2. Information about the Order we want to ch	ange:	
The Order issued on:		_ (Month/Day/Year)
The Order issued by:		_ (Name of Court)

	Located in this County:		
	Located in this State:		
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3.	PARENTING TIME AND CHILD SUPPORT Child support is in the best interest of the m	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	ng time and
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Case Number:

Person Filing:		FOR CLERK'S USE ONLY
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Name of Respondent / Party B (in original case)	☐ PARENTING TIN SUPPORT	ME AND CHILD
THE COURT FINDS:		
1. This case has come before this Court for a final Order by	pased upon the Agreement of	the Parties.
<ol> <li>This Court has jurisdiction to change parenting time and has the legal power to do so and where it is applicable to and made Orders relating to parenting time and/or supp</li> </ol>	the facts of this case, this Cou	•
3. This Order applies to the following children:		
Name(s)		of Birth /Age /Day/Year)

4. Grounds for changing Parenting time and/or Child support. Based upon the stipulation (agreement) of the parties, it is in the best interest of the minor child(ren) to change parenting time and/or child support at this time.

# THE COURT ORDERS:

The Orde	er regarding p	arenting time	e and/or support dated	is changed as follows:
A.	Parentin	g Time:		
	1.	☐ Re	easonable parenting time to the pa	arent who is not the primary residential parent (Or)
	2.		easonable parenting time to the to the Parenting Plan attached.	parent who is not the primary residential parent
	3.	<del></del>	pervised parenting time but only therwise approved by the Court:	in the presence of another person, who is named
			parenting time shall be paid by:	
	☐ Party A	or 📙	Party B or  shared equa	ally by the parties, or as follows:
	Restrictions	on parenting	time:	
		(Or)		
	4.		o parenting time rights to Pa	arty A or Party B due to:
	5.		ther parenting time: (exp <u>lain)</u>	
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	• • •		Child Support Guidelines,	•
		(Or)		

	Child Support Deviation. The Court, havi	•	•		•
	the parties, agrees that the child support under the Guidelines, but		ws that child su	ipport wo	ould have been set at
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С	harges for the minor child(ren), including co	o-payments.			
D.	Federal Income Tax Deduction.				
Г	Child's Name	Date of Birth (Month, Day, Year)	Parent Entitl Deduction Party A		For Calendar Year
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-	ears following those listed above while thi attern above of claiming deductions for eac		order remains in	effect, th	e parties shall repeat
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E.	Other Orders. This Court makes furth	ner Orders relatinç	to this matter a	s follows:	
F.	FINAL APPEALABLE ORDER.	No further clair	ns or issues re	main for	the Court to decide.
	Therefore, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED	•	` '		•
	this final judgment/decree is signed by The time for appeal begins upon entry of			-	•
	on appeals, see Rule 8 and other Arizon		•		
	denying any affirmative relief sought bef	ore the date of this	s Order that is no	ot express	sly granted above.
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		JUD	GE or COURT	COMMISS	SIONER

Case No. \_\_\_

# ORDER Modifying Parenting time or Parenting time and Child support based upon Stipulation (agreement) of the parties

Do not write or sign below this line until you are instructed to do so by Clerk of Superior Court or Notary.

## Oath or Affirmation of the Parties

By signing this document I swear or affirm that I: have read and understand the terms of this Order; have entered this agreement of my own free will and not because of any force, duress, undue influence, coercion, or threat of harm from anyone, including the other party; waive the right to trial on this matter; and that the information I have provided is true and correct, under penalty of perjury.

Party A's Signature		Party B's Signature
STATE OF		STATE OF
COUNTY OF		COUNTY OF
Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before m	e this:	Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me this
(date	)	(date)
Ву		By
Deputy Clerk or Notary Public		Deputy Clerk or Notary Public
(Notary seal)		(Notary seal)
Date	Attorne	y General's Representative (DCSE) (if applicable)
Approved as to form and content by the parties	' lawyers	(if applicable):
Party A's Lawyer:		
Party B's Lawyer:		

Person Filing:	
Address (if not protected):	
City, State, Zip Code:	
Telephone:	
Email Address:	
ATLAS Number:	For Clerk's Use Only
Lawyer's Bar Number:	
Representing Self, without a Lawyer or Attorn	
	OURT OF ARIZONA MA COUNTY
Name of Petitioner / Party A	Case Number:
	PARENTING PLAN FOR:
AND	JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING (JOINT LEGAL CUSTODY) WITH JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING (JOINT LEGAL CUSTODY) AGREEMENT
	OR
Name of Respondent / Party B	SOLE LEGAL DECISION-MAKING (SOLE LEGAL CUSTODY)
	to Party A
	☐ to Party B
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# INSTRUCTIONS

**This document has 4 parts:** PART **1**) General Information; PART **2**) Legal Decision-Making (Legal Custody) and Parenting Time; PART **3**) Danger to Children Notification Statement; and PART **4**) Joint Legal Decision-Making (Joint Legal Custody) Agreement. Where this form refers to "children" it refers to any and all minor children common to the parties whether one or more.

One or both parents must complete and sign the Plan as follows:

- a. If only one parent is submitting the Plan: that parent must sign at the end of PART 2 and 3.
- b. If both parents agree to legal decision-making (legal custody) and parenting time arrangements but not to joint legal decision-making (legal custody): Both parents must sign the Plan at the end of PART 2 and 3, and the Affidavits under Section 5.
- c. If both parents agree to joint legal decision-making (joint legal custody) and parenting time arrangements as presented in the Plan: Both parents must sign the Plan at the end of PART 2, 3, and 4, and the Affidavits under Section 5.

Case No	 	

# **PART 1: GENERAL INFORMATION:**

A.	MINOR CHILDREN. This Plan concerns the following minor children:  (Use additional paper if necessary)
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	<del></del>
В.	THE FOLLOWING LEGAL DECISION-MAKING (LEGAL CUSTODY) ARRANGEMENT IS REQUESTED:
	(Choose ONE of 1, 2, 3, 4.) (If you chose "sole legal decision-making authority" [1 or 2], you have
	the option of also requesting restrictions on the parenting time of the other party.
	SOLE LEGAL DECISION-MAKING (SOLE LEGAL CUSTODY) BY <u>AGREEMENT</u> .  The parents agree that sole legal decision-making authority (sole legal custody) should be granted to  Party A Party B.
	The parents agree that since each has a unique contribution to offer to the growth and development of their minor children, each of them will continue to have a full and active role in providing a sound moral, social, economic, and educational environment for the benefit of the minor children, as described in the following pages,
	OR
	2. SOLE LEGAL DECISION-MAKING (SOLE LEGAL CUSTODY) REQUESTED BY THE PARENT SUBMITTING THIS PLAN. The parents cannot agree to the terms of legal decision-making (legal custody) and parenting time. The parent submitting this Plan asks the Court to order sole legal decision-making authority and parenting time according to this Plan.
	(Optional, if you marked 1 or 2 above)
	RESTRICTED, SUPERVISED, OR NO PARENTING TIME.
	The parent submitting this Plan asks the court for an order restricting parenting time.
	The facts and information related to this request are described in the Petition or Response.  OR
	3. JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING (JOINT LEGAL CUSTODY) BY AGREEMENT. The
	parents agree to joint legal decision-making (joint legal custody) and request the Court to approve the joint legal decision-making arrangement as described in this Plan.
	OR 4. JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY (JOINT LEGAL CUSTODY)
	<b>REQUESTED BY THE PARENT SUBMITTING THIS PLAN.</b> The parents cannot agree to the terms of legal decision-making and parenting time <b>or</b> are unable to submit this plan together at this time. My request for joint legal decision-making authority is deferred for the Court's determination.

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AR I 2:	PHYSICAL CUSTODY AND PARENTING TIME. Complete each section below. Be specific about what you want the Judge to approve in the court order.
A.	(School Year) WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND TIME-SHARING SCHEDULE:
	The minor children will be in the care of Party A as follows: (Explain).
	The minor children will be in the care of Party B as follows: (Explain).
	Other physical custody arrangements are as follows: (Explain).
	Transportation will be provided as follows:
	Party A or Party B will pick the minor children up at o'clock.
	Party A or Party B will drop the minor children off at o'clock.
	Parents may change their time-share arrangements by mutual agreement with at leastdays' notice in advance to the other parent.
В.	SUMMER MONTHS OR SCHOOL BREAK LONGER THAN 4 DAYS: The weekday and weekend schedule described above will apply for all 12 calendar months EXCEPT:
	During summer months or school breaks that last longer than 4 days, no changes shall be made. <b>OR</b> ,
	During summer months or school breaks that last longer than 4 days, the minor children will be in care of Party A: (Explain)
	During summer months or school breaks that last longer than 4 days, the minor children will be in care of Party B: (Explain)
	Each parent is entitled to a week period of vacation time with the minor children. The parents will work out the details of the vacation at least days in advance.
C.	TRAVEL
	Should either parent travel out of the area with the minor children, each parent will keep the other
	parent informed of travel plans, address(es), and telephone number(s) at which that parent and the minor children can be reached.
	Neither parent shall travel with the minor children outside Arizona for longer than days
	without the prior written consent of the other parent or order of the court.

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**D. HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** The holiday schedule takes priority over the regular time-sharing schedule as described above. Check the box(es) that apply and indicate the years of the holiday access/Parenting time schedule.

<u>Holiday</u>		<u>Ev</u>	en Yea	<u>rs</u>		Odd `	<u>Years</u>	
New Year's Eve		Party A		Party B		Party A		Party B
New Year's Day		Party A		Party B		Party A		Party B
Spring Vacation		Party A		Party B		Party A		Party B
Easter		Party A		Party B		Party A		Party B
4th of July		Party A		Party B		Party A		Party B
Halloween		Party A		Party B		Party A		Party B
Veteran's Day		Party A		Party B		Party A		Party B
Thanksgiving		Party A		Party B		Party A		Party B
Hanukkah		Party A		Party B		Party A		Party B
Christmas Eve		Party A		Party B		Party A		Party B
Christmas Day		Party A		Party B		Party A		Party B
Winter Break		Party A		Party B		Party A		Party B
Child's Birthday		Party A		Party B		Party A		Party B
Mother's Day		Party A		Party B		Party A		Party B
Father's Day		Party A		Party B		Party A		Party B
Each parent may l	nave the	children o	n his or	her birthday.				
<b>Three-day weekends</b> which include Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, the children will remain in the care of the parent who has the minor children for the weekend.								
Other Holidays (D	escribe t	he other holi	idays ar	nd the arrange	ment) :			
Telephone Contact		•		•				
Other (Explain):			-					
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E.	PARENTAL ACCESS TO RECORDS AND INFORMATION: Under Arizona law (A.R.S. § 25-403.06), unless otherwise provided by court order or law, on reasonable request, both parents are entitled to have equal access to documents and other information concerning the minor children's education and physical, mental, moral and emotional health including medical, school, police, court and other records. A person who does not comply with a reasonable request for these records shall reimburse the requesting parent for court costs and attorney fees incurred by that parent to make the other parent obey this request. A parent who attempts to restrict the release of documents or information by the custodian of the records without a prior court order is subject to legal sanctions.
F.	EDUCATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS:
	Both parents have the right to participate in school conferences, events and activities, and the to consult with teachers and other school personnel.
	Both parents will make major educational decisions together. (optional)
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	Major educational decisions will be made by Party A Party B fter consulting other parent.
G.	MEDICAL AND DENTAL ARRANGEMENTS:
	Both parents have the right to authorize emergency medical treatment, if needed, and the right to consult with physicians and other medical practitioners. Both parents agree to advise the other parent immediately of any emergency medical/dental care sought for the minor children, to cooperate on health matters concerning the children and to keep one another reasonably informed. Both parents agree to keep each other informed as to names, addresses and telephone numbers of all medical/dental care providers.
	Both parents will make major medical decisions together, except for emergency situations as noted above. (optional)  If the parents do not reach an agreement, then:
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Major medical/dental decisions will be made by Party A Party B

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Н.	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ARRANGEMENTS: (Choose ONE)
	Each parent may take the minor children to a church or place of worship of his or her choice during the time that the minor children is/are in his or her care.
	Both parents agree that the minor children may be instructed in the faith.
	Both parents agree that religious arrangements are not applicable to this plan.
I.	ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND COMMENTS:
	<b>NOTIFY OTHER PARENT OF ADDRESS CHANGE.</b> Each parent will inform the other parent of any change of address and/or phone number in advance <b>OR</b> within days of the change.
	<b>NOTIFY OTHER PARENT OF EMERGENCY.</b> Both parents agree that each parent will promptly inform the other parent of any emergency or other important event that involves the minor children.
	TALK TO OTHER PARENT ABOUT EXTRA ACTIVITIES. Each parent will consult and agree with the other parent regarding any extra activity that affects the minor children's access to the other parent.
	ASK OTHER PARENT IF HE/SHE WANTS TO TAKE CARE OF CHILDREN. Each parent agrees to consider the other parent as care-provider for the minor children before making other arrangements
	<b>OBTAIN WRITTEN CONSENT BEFORE MOVING.</b> Neither parent will move with the minor children out of the Yuma metropolitan area without prior written consent of the other parent, or a court ordered Parenting Plan. <b>A.R.S. 25-408 (B)</b>
	<b>COMMUNICATE.</b> Each parent agrees that all communications regarding the minor children will be between the parents and that they will <b>not</b> use the minor children to convey information or to set up parenting time changes.
	METHOD OF COMMUNICATION. Each parent agrees to use the following means of communication:
	FREQUENCY OF COMMUNICATION. Each parent agrees to communicate regarding the child(ren) on a regular basis. That communication schedule will be:
	and will be by the following methods:  Phone  Other
	<b>PRAISE OTHER PARENT.</b> Each parent agrees to encourage love and respect between the minor children and the other parent, and neither parent shall do anything that may hurt the other parent's relationship with the minor children
	COOPERATE AND WORK TOGETHER. Both parents agree to exert their best efforts to work cooperatively in future plans consistent with the best interests of the minor children and to amicably

resolve such disputes as may arise.

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	<b>NOTIFY OTHER PARENT OF PROBLEMS WITH TIME-SHARING AHEAD OF TIME.</b> If either parent is unable to follow through with the time-sharing arrangements involving the minor child(ren), that parent will notify the other parent as soon as possible.
	<b>PARENTING PLAN.</b> Both parents agree that if either parent moves out of the area and returns later, they will use the most recent "Parenting Plan/Access Agreement" in place before the move.
	<b>MEDIATION.</b> If the parents are unable to reach a mutual agreement regarding a legal change to their parenting orders, they may request mediation through the court or a private mediator of their choice.
	NOTICE: DO NOT DEVIATE FROM PLAN UNTIL DISPUTE IS RESOLVED.
	Both parents are advised that while a dispute is being resolved, neither parent shall deviate from this Parenting Plan, or act in such a way that is inconsistent with the terms of this agreement.  Once this Plan has been made an order of the Court, if either parent disobeys the court order related to parenting time with the children, the other parent may submit court papers to request enforcement. See the Law Library Resource Center packets "To Make Someone Obey a Court Order" for help.
PART :	2: SIGNATURE OF ONE OR BOTH PARENTS (as instructed on page 1)
Signature	e of Party A: Date:
Signature	e of Party B: Date:

PART 3: STATEMENT REGARDING CONTACT WITH SEX OFFENDERS AND PERSONS CONVICTED OF DANGEROUS CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN.

According to A.R.S. §25-403.05, a child's parent or custodian must immediately notify the other parent or custodian if the person knows that a convicted or registered sex offender or someone who has been convicted of a dangerous crime against children may have access to the child.

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The parent or custodian must provide notice by first class mail, return receipt requested, by electronic means to an electronic mail address that the recipient provided to the parent or custodian for notification purposes or by another form of communication accepted by the court.

According to A.R.S. § 13-705 (P) (1), "Dangerous crime against children" means any of the following that is committed against a minor who is under fifteen years of age:

- (a) Second degree murder.
- (b) Aggravated assault resulting in serious physical injury or involving the discharge, use or threatening exhibition of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument.
- (c) Sexual assault.
- (d) Molestation of a child.
- (e) Sexual conduct with a minor.
- (f) Commercial sexual exploitation of a minor.
- (g) Sexual exploitation of a minor.
- (h) Child abuse as prescribed in section 13-3623, subsection A, paragraph 1.
- (i) Kidnapping.
- (j) Sexual abuse.
- (k) Taking a child for the purpose of prostitution as prescribed in section 13-3206.
- (I) Child prostitution as prescribed in section 13-3212.
- (m) Involving or using minors in drug offenses.
- (n) Continuous sexual abuse of a child.
- (o) Attempted first degree murder.
- (p) Sex trafficking.
- (q) Manufacturing methamphetamine under circumstances that cause physical injury to a minor.
- (r) Bestiality as prescribed in section 13-1411, subsection A, paragraph 2.
- (s) Luring a minor for sexual exploitation.
- (t) Aggravated luring a minor for sexual exploitation.
- (u) Unlawful age misrepresentation.

# PART 3: SIGNATURE OF ONE OR BOTH PARENTS (as instructed on page 1)

I/We have read, understand, and agree to abide by the requirements of A.R.S. § 25-403.05 concerning notification of other parent or custodian if someone convicted of dangerous crime against children may have access to the child.

Signature of Party A:	Date:	
Signature of Party B:	Date:	

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# PART 4: JOINT LEGAL DECISION MAKING (JOINT LEGAL CUSTODY) AGREEMENT (IF APPLICABLE):

A.	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Arizona Law (A.R.S. § 25-403.03) states that joint legal decision-making authority (joint legal custody) shall NOT be awarded if there has been "a history of significant domestic violence".  Domestic Violence has <b>not</b> occurred between the parties, <b>OR</b>
	Domestic Violence <b>has</b> occurred but it has not been "significant" or has been committed by both parties.*
В.	DUI or DRUG CONVICTIONS: (A.R.S. § 25-403.04)
	Neither party has been convicted of driving under the influence or a drug offense within the past 12 months, OR
	One of the parties HAS been convicted of driving under the influence or a drug offense within the past 12 months but the parties feel Joint Legal Decision-Making (Legal Custody) is in the best interest of the children.*
	IF THERE HAS BEEN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR A DUI OR DRUG CONVICTION: an extra page explaining why Joint Legal Decision-Making (Legal Custody) is still in the best interest of the children.
C.	JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING (JOINT LEGAL CUSTODY) AGREEMENT: If the parents have agreed to joint legal decision-making (legal custody), the following will apply, subject to approval by the Judge:
	REVIEW: The parents agree to review the terms of this agreement and make any necessary or desired changes every month(s) from the date of this document.
	2. CRITERIA. Our joint legal decision-making (joint legal custody) agreement meets the criteria required by Arizona law A.R.S. § 25-403.02, as listed below:
	a. The best interests of the minor children are served;
	<ul> <li>Each parent's rights and responsibilities for personal care of the minor children and for decisions in education, health care and religious training are designated in this Plan;</li> </ul>
	c. A practical schedule of the parenting time for the minor children, including holidays and school vacations is included in the Plan;
	d. A procedure for the exchange(s) of the child(ren) including location and responsibility for transportation.
	e. The Plan includes a procedure for periodic review;

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- f. The Plan includes a procedure by which proposed changes, disputes and alleged breaches may be mediated or resolved.
- g. A procedure for communicating with each other about the child, including methods and frequency.

PART 4: SIGNATURES OF BOTH PARENTS REQUESTING JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY (LEGAL CUSTODY) (as instructed on page 1)

Signature of Party A:	Date:	
Signature of Party B:	Date:	
PART 5: AFFIDAVITS		
declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true a	and correct.	
SIG	GNATURES	
Petitioner's / Party A's Signature	Date	
STATE OF		
COUNTY OF		
Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me this:	(Date)	by
(Notary seal)	Deputy Clerk or Notary Public	
Respondent's / Party B's Signature	Date	
STATE OF		
COUNTY OF		
Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me this:	(Date)	by
(Notary seal)	Deputy Clerk or Notary Public	

# **CURRENT EMPLOYER\* INFORMATION**

THIS FORM MUST B	SE COMPLETED FOR:	For Clerk's Use Only		
ORDER TO ST	VITHHOLDING ORDER FOP AN INCOME WITHHOLDING ORD N OF A CHANGE OF EMPLOYER ( <i>or</i> (			
CASE NUMBER:	ATLAS NUMBER	R:		
NAME OF PERSON ORDERED TO MAKE PAYMENTS:				
	THE EMPLOYER* AND THE ADDRESS (eperson named above) WHERE THE INC.  D BE MAILED.			
EMPLOYER* NAME:_				
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Person Filing:		
City, State, Zip Code:		
Telephone:Email Address:		
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Lawyer's Bar Number:		
Representing Self, without a Lawyer or Attorne	ey for   Petitioner OR   Respondent	
	OURT OF ARIZONA MA COUNTY	
Petitioner in Original Case	(3) Case No.	
(2)	(4) ATLAS No.	
Respondent in Original Case	ORDER STOPPING INCOMORDER (AND ALL YUMA COMORDERS) A.R.S. § 25-504	
To the employer(s) or other payor(s) of:		
(5) Name of Employee:		
DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE. CO	OURT PERSONNEL WILL COMPLETE TH	E FORM.
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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED terming spousal maintenance orders in this case nut maintenance orders fully paid and satisfied, and interest.	mber and declaring all child suppo	rt and/or spousal
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the monies currently in its possession and future any fees owed to the Clearinghouse.		•
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