

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF KERN

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**RESPONSE TO  
PETITION FOR CUSTODY AND SUPPORT OF MINOR CHILDREN**

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**HOW TO RESPOND**

1. COMPLETE THE FORMS. (Type or print, blue or black ink only. Writing must be legible)
  - Response to Petition for Custody and Support of Minor Children (FL-220)
  - Child Custody and visitation Application Attachment (FL-311)
  - Declaration Under UCCJEA (FL-105)
2. DATE, PRINT NAME AND SIGN ALL FORMS BEFORE FILING.
3. MAKE COPIES OF EACH FORM. Make two (2) copies of each form, front and back pages.
4. SERVE YOUR DOCUMENTS. Have a copy of the Response "served" on the other party by mail or personal service. To "SERVE" means that someone other than you, over the age of 18, and not a party to this action delivered (served) one of the copies of the papers to the other party. The Response must be served on the other party and filed with the Court no later than **30 days from the date you were served with the Summons and Petition.**
5. COMPLETE PROOF OF SERVICE. Once service is complete, the person who served the papers must complete and sign the PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL (Form FL-335) included in this packet. This form **must** be attached to your Response when filing. \*If service was in person, the server must complete and sign the PROOF OF PERSONAL SERVICE (Form FL-330) -forms available on-line at [www.courts.ca.gov/forms](http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms).
6. FILE WITH COURT. File the original form and copy with the Family Law Department. The clerk will keep the original and return the filed stamped copy for your records.
7. FILING FEE. There is a filing fee of **\$435.00**. If you cannot afford the filing fee, you may be eligible to have the fee "waived" by completing an **Application for Fee Waiver**— ask the clerk for a packet.
8. FOLLOW-UP. **These forms only respond to the action.** \*Note: In order to obtain an enforceable order or a Judgment (Final Order) additional forms are required – ask the clerk for further packets.

**NOTICE**

PERSONNEL OF THE CLERKS OFFICE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT ARE NOT ALLOWED BY LAW TO GIVE LEGAL ADVICE OR ASSIST IN THE PREPARATION OF ANY FORMS.

PURSUANT TO CA RULE OF COURT 2.200, A PARTY WHOSE ADDRESS CHANGES WHILE AN ACTION IS PENDING MUST SERVE ON ALL PARTIES AND FILE A WRITTEN NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS WITH THE COURT- Ask the clerk for a Notice of Change of Address and Other Contact Information form

PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY OR ATTORNEY STATE BAR NUMBER: NAME: FIRM NAME: STREET ADDRESS: CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE: TELEPHONE NO.: FAX NO.: E-MAIL ADDRESS: ATTORNEY FOR (name):	FOR COURT USE ONLY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME:	
PETITIONER: RESPONDENT:	
<b>RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR CUSTODY AND SUPPORT OF MINOR CHILDREN</b>	
<b>NOTICE: This action will not terminate a marriage or domestic partnership and will not determine a parental relationship.</b>	
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1. I am the respondent. The petitioner and I are the parents of the following minor children:

Child's name	Birthdate	Age
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continued on Attachment 1.

2. Choose at least one box below to explain why you are using this form:

- a.  I am married to the petitioner, and no action is pending in any court for dissolution, legal separation, or nullity.
- b.  Petitioner and I have signed a voluntary declaration of parentage or paternity regarding the minor children, and no action regarding the children has been filed in any other court. A copy is attached.
- c.  Petitioner and I have legally adopted a child together.
- d.  Petitioner and I have been determined to be the parents in juvenile court or governmental child support.

Case number:

County:

State:

Country (if not the United States):

3. A completed *Declaration Under Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA)* (form FL-105) is attached.

4. **Child custody and visitation (parenting time).** I request the following orders:

- |  | Petitioner               | Respondent               | Joint                    | Other                    |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Legal custody of children to:                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Physical custody of children to:              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Visitation (parenting time) of children with: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

d. If "Other" is checked above, name of the other person is (specify):

The proposed schedule for visitation (parenting time) is as follows:

See the attached form FL-311, *Child Custody and Visitation (Parenting Time) Application Attachment*.

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4. e.  I request that the child abduction prevention orders requested on form FL-312 be approved.
- f.  I request that the proposed holiday schedule set out in  form FL-341(C)  other be approved.
- g.  I request that additional orders regarding child custody set out in  form FL-341(D)  other be approved.
- h.  I request that joint legal custody orders set out in  form FL-341(E)  other be approved.
- i.  I request that visitation (parenting time) be supervised with the following persons, with the following restrictions:

Continued on Attachment 4h.

j.  Other (*specify*):

**5. Fees and cost of litigation**

a. Attorney fees will be paid by  petitioner  respondent.

b.  Each party will pay their own attorney's fees.

6. **Child support.** The court may make orders for support of the children and issue an earnings assignment without further notice to either party.

7. Other (*specify*):

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

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\_\_\_\_\_

(SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT)

**NOTICE: Any party required to pay child support must pay interest on overdue amounts at the "legal rate," which is currently 10 percent.**

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address):  _____  TELEPHONE NO.: _____ FAX NO. (Optional): _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional): _____ ATTORNEY FOR (Name): _____	<b>FOR COURT USE ONLY</b>
<b>SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF</b>  STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME:	
PETITIONER: _____ (This section applies only to family law cases.) RESPONDENT: _____ OTHER PARTY: _____	
GUARDIANSHIP OF (Name): _____ (This section applies only to guardianship cases.) <div style="text-align: right;">Minor</div>	CASE NUMBER: _____
<b>DECLARATION UNDER UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT (UCCJEA)</b>	

1. I am a party to this proceeding to determine custody of a child.
2.  My present address and the present address of each child residing with me is confidential under Family Code section 3429 as I have indicated in item 3.
3. There are (specify number): \_\_\_\_\_ minor children who are subject to this proceeding, as follows:  
 (Insert the information requested below. The residence information must be given for the last FIVE years.)

a. Child's name	Place of birth	Date of birth	Sex
Period of residence <div style="text-align: right;">to present</div>	Address <input type="checkbox"/> Confidential	Person child lived with (name and complete current address) <input type="checkbox"/> Confidential	Relationship
to	Child's residence (City, State)	Person child lived with (name and complete current address)	
to	Child's residence (City, State)	Person child lived with (name and complete current address)	
to	Child's residence (City, State)	Person child lived with (name and complete current address)	
b. Child's name	Place of birth	Date of birth	Sex
<input type="checkbox"/> Residence information is the same as given above for child a. (If NOT the same, provide the information below.)			
Period of residence <div style="text-align: right;">to present</div>	Address <input type="checkbox"/> Confidential	Person child lived with (name and complete current address) <input type="checkbox"/> Confidential	Relationship
to	Child's residence (City, State)	Person child lived with (name and complete current address)	
to	Child's residence (City, State)	Person child lived with (name and complete current address)	
to	Child's residence (City, State)	Person child lived with (name and complete current address)	

- c.  Additional residence information for a child listed in item a or b is continued on attachment 3c.
- d.  Additional children are listed on form FL-105(A)/GC-120(A). (Provide all requested information for additional children.)

SHORT TITLE: _____	CASE NUMBER: _____
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4. Do you have information about, or have you participated as a party or as a witness or in some other capacity in, another court case or custody or visitation proceeding, in California or elsewhere, concerning a child subject to this proceeding?  
 Yes  No (If yes, attach a copy of the orders (if you have one) and provide the following information):

Proceeding	Case number	Court (name, state, location)	Court order or judgment (date)	Name of each child	Your connection to the case	Case status
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Family						
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Guardianship						
c. <input type="checkbox"/> Other						

Proceeding	Case Number	Court (name, state, location)
d. <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Delinquency/ Juvenile Dependency		
e. <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption		

5.  One or more domestic violence restraining/protective orders are now in effect. (Attach a copy of the orders if you have one and provide the following information):

Court	County	State	Case number (if known)	Orders expire (date)
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal				
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Family				
c. <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Delinquency/ Juvenile Dependency				
d. <input type="checkbox"/> Other				

6. Do you know of any person who is not a party to this proceeding who has physical custody or claims to have custody of or visitation rights with any child in this case?  Yes  No (If yes, provide the following information):

a. Name and address of person  <input type="checkbox"/> Has physical custody <input type="checkbox"/> Claims custody rights <input type="checkbox"/> Claims visitation rights  Name of each child	b. Name and address of person  <input type="checkbox"/> Has physical custody <input type="checkbox"/> Claims custody rights <input type="checkbox"/> Claims visitation rights  Name of each child	c. Name and address of person  <input type="checkbox"/> Has physical custody <input type="checkbox"/> Claims custody rights <input type="checkbox"/> Claims visitation rights  Name of each child
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ▶ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (TYPE OR PRINT NAME) (SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT)

7.  Number of pages attached: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE TO DECLARANT: You have a continuing duty to inform this court if you obtain any information about a custody proceeding in a California court or any other court concerning a child subject to this proceeding.**

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**ATTACHMENT TO  
DECLARATION UNDER UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT (UCCJEA)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Child's name <input type="checkbox"/> Residence information is the same as given on form FL-105/GC-120 for child a. (If NOT the same, provide the information below.)		Place of birth	Date of birth	Sex
Period of residence  to present	Present address  <input type="checkbox"/> Confidential	Person child lived with (name and complete current address)  <input type="checkbox"/> Confidential		Relationship
to	Child's residence (City, State)	Person child lived with (name and complete current address)		
to	Child's residence (City, State)	Person child lived with (name and complete current address)		
to	Child's residence (City, State)	Person child lived with (name and complete current address)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Child's name <input type="checkbox"/> Residence information is the same as given on form FL-105/GC-120 for child a. (If NOT the same, provide the information below.)		Place of birth	Date of birth	Sex
Period of residence  to present	Address  <input type="checkbox"/> Confidential	Person child lived with (name and complete current address)  <input type="checkbox"/> Confidential		Relationship
to	Child's residence (City, State)	Person child lived with (name and complete current address)		
to	Child's residence (City, State)	Person child lived with (name and complete current address)		
to	Child's residence (City, State)	Person child lived with (name and complete current address)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Child's name <input type="checkbox"/> Residence information is the same as given on form FL-105/GC-120 for child a. (If NOT the same, provide the information below.)		Place of birth	Date of birth	Sex
Period of residence  to present	Address  <input type="checkbox"/> Confidential	Person child lived with (name and complete current address)  <input type="checkbox"/> Confidential		Relationship
to	Child's residence (City, State)	Person child lived with (name and complete current address)		
to	Child's residence (City, State)	Person child lived with (name and complete current address)		
to	Child's residence (City, State)	Person child lived with (name and complete current address)		

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**CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION (PARENTING TIME) APPLICATION ATTACHMENT**

—This is not a court order—

TO  Petition     Response     Request for Order     Responsive Declaration to Request for Order  
 Other (specify):

1. a.  **Custody.** Custody of the minor children of the parties is requested as follows:  Attachment 1a.

	<u>Legal Custody to</u>	<u>Physical Custody to</u>
<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>(person who decides about the child's health, education, and welfare)</u>
		<u>(person the child regularly lives with)</u>

b.  **Custody with allegations of a history of abuse or substance abuse**

- (1)  Petitioner     Respondent     Other parent/party    is (or are) alleged to have a history of abuse against any of the following persons: a child, the other parent, their current spouse, or the person they live with or are dating or engaged to.
- (2)  Petitioner     Respondent     Other parent/party    is (or are) alleged to have the habitual or continual illegal use of controlled substances, or the habitual or continual abuse of alcohol, or the habitual or continual abuse of prescribed controlled substances.
- (3)  I ask that the court NOT order sole or joint custody of the minor child to the person(s) alleged to have a history of abuse or substance abuse.
- (4)  Even though there are allegations, I ask that the court make the child custody orders in item 1a.  
*(Write the reasons why you think it would be good for the children that the person(s) be granted custody, even though there are allegations against them of a history of abuse or substance abuse.)*  
 Below:     Attachment 1b.     Other (specify):

2.  **Visitation (Parenting Time).**

**Note: Unless specifically ordered, a child's holiday schedule order has priority over the regular parenting time.**

- a.  Reasonable right of parenting time (visitation) to the party without physical custody (**not appropriate in cases involving domestic violence**).
- b.  See the attached \_\_\_\_\_ -page document dated (specify date):
- c.  The parties will go to child custody mediation or child custody recommending counseling at (specify date, time, and location):
- d.  No visitation (parenting time).

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e.  Visitation (parenting time). (Specify start and ending date and time. If applicable, check "start of" OR "after school.")

**Petitioner's**  **Respondent's**  **Other Parent's/Party's** parenting time (visitation) will be as follows:

(1)  **Weekends starting (date):**

(Note: The first weekend of the month is the first weekend with a Saturday.)

1st  2nd  3rd  4th  5th weekend of the month

from \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  a.m.  p.m./ if applicable, specify:  start of school  
 (day of week) (time)  after school

to \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  a.m.  p.m./ if applicable, specify:  start of school  
 (day of week) (time)  after school

(a)  The parties will alternate the fifth weekends, with the  petitioner  respondent  other parent/party having the initial fifth weekend, which starts (date):

(b)  The  petitioner  respondent  other parent/party will have the fifth weekend in  odd  even numbered months.

(2)  **Alternate weekends starting (date):**

from \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  a.m.  p.m./ if applicable, specify:  start of school  
 (day of week) (time)  after school

to \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  a.m.  p.m./ if applicable, specify:  start of school  
 (day of week) (time)  after school

(3)  **Weekdays starting (date):**

from \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  a.m.  p.m./ if applicable, specify:  start of school  
 (day of week) (time)  after school

to \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  a.m.  p.m./ if applicable, specify:  start of school  
 (day of week) (time)  after school

(4)  Other visitation (parenting time) days and restrictions are:  listed in Attachment 2e(4)  as follows:

3.  **Visitation (parenting time) with allegations of a history of abuse, substance abuse, or other parenting concerns**

a.  **Supervised visitation (parenting time)**

(1) I ask that  petitioner  respondent  other parent/party have supervised visitation with the minor children according to the schedule in item 2 because of (specify):

(a)  Domestic violence, child abuse, or neglect.

(b)  Substance abuse: the habitual or continual illegal use of controlled substances, or the habitual or continual abuse of alcohol, or the habitual or continual abuse of prescribed controlled substances.

(c)  Other parenting concerns (specify below):

(2) The reasons why the court should make the orders are (specify):

(Write the reasons why you think unsupervised visitation (parenting time) would be bad for the children.)

Below  in Attachment 3a(2)  Other (specify):



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(3) I ask for the following orders about the supervised visitation provider:

(a) Visitation (parenting time) be monitored by (name, if known):

- (i)  The person or agency is a professional provider. A professional provider must meet the requirements listed in *Declaration of Supervised Visitation Provider (Professional)* (form FL-324(P)) and sign the declaration.
- (ii)  The person is a nonprofessional provider. That person must meet the requirements listed in *Declaration of Supervised Visitation Provider (Nonprofessional)* (form FL-324(NP)) and sign a declaration.

(iii) The provider's phone number is (specify):

(b) Any costs of supervision be paid as follows: petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_ percent; respondent: \_\_\_\_\_ percent.  
 other parent/party: \_\_\_\_\_ percent.

b.  **Unsupervised visitation (parenting time)**

(Complete 3b only if you want the court to order unsupervised visitation to a person alleged to have a history of abuse or substance abuse.)

- (1)  Petitioner  Respondent  Other parent/party is (or are) alleged to have a history of abuse against any of the following persons: a child, the other parent, their current spouse, or the person they live with or are dating or engaged to.
- (2)  Petitioner  Respondent  Other parent/party is (or are) alleged to have the habitual or continual illegal use of controlled substances, or the habitual or continual abuse of alcohol, or the habitual or continual abuse of prescribed controlled substances.
- (3) Even though there are allegations of a history of abuse or substance abuse, I request that the court order unsupervised visitation to (specify):  Petitioner  Respondent  Other parent/party
- (4) The reasons why the court should make the orders are (specify):  
 (Write the reasons why you think it would be good for the children that the person(s) be granted unsupervised visitation (parenting time) even though there are allegations against them of a history of abuse or substance abuse.)  
 Below:  in Attachment 3b.  Other (specify):

(5) The orders for visitation (parenting time) that you request must be specific as to time, day, place, and manner of transfer of the child, as Family Code section 6323(c) requires.

4.  **Transportation for visitation (parenting time) and place of exchange**

Note: In cases of domestic violence, the court must have enough information to make orders that are specific as to the time, place, and manner of transfer (exchange) of the child for custody and visitation under Family Code section 6323(c).

- a. The children must be driven only by a licensed and insured driver. The vehicle must be legally registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles and must have child restraint devices properly installed, as required by law.
- b.  Transportation to begin the visits will be provided by (name):
- c.  Transportation from the visits will be provided by (name):
- d.  The exchange point at the beginning of the visit will be (address):
- e.  The exchange point at the end of the visit will be (address):
- f.  During the exchanges, the party driving the children will wait in the car and the other party will wait in the home (or exchange location) while the children go between the car and the home (or exchange location).
- g.  Other (specify):

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5.  **Travel with children** The  Petitioner  Respondent  Other parent/party **must** have written permission from the other parent or party, or a court order, to take the children out of the following places:
- the state of California.
  - the following counties (*specify*):
  - other places (*specify*):
6.  **Child abduction prevention.** There is a risk that one of the parties will take the children out of California without the other party's permission. I request the orders set out on attached **form FL-312**.
7.  **Children's holiday schedule.** I request the holiday and vacation schedule set out  below  on form FL-341(C)
8.  **Additional custody provisions.** I request the additional orders for custody set out  below  on form FL-341(D)
9.  **Joint legal custody provisions.** I request joint legal custody and want the additional orders set out  below  on form FL-341(E)
10.  **Other.** I request the following additional orders (*specify*):

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY ( <i>Name, State Bar number, and address</i> ):   TELEPHONE NO.: _____ FAX NO. ( <i>Optional</i> ): _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS ( <i>Optional</i> ): _____ ATTORNEY FOR ( <i>Name</i> ): _____	<b>FOR COURT USE ONLY</b>
<b>SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF</b> STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME:	
PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF: RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT: OTHER PARENT/PARTY:	CASE NUMBER:  ( <i>If applicable, provide</i> ): HEARING DATE: HEARING TIME: DEPT.:
<b>PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL</b>	

**NOTICE: To serve temporary restraining orders you must use personal service (see form FL-330).**

1. I am at least 18 years of age, not a party to this action, and I am a resident of or employed in the county where the mailing took place.
2. My residence or business address is:
  
3. I served a copy of the following documents (*specify*):

by enclosing them in an envelope AND

- a.  **depositing** the sealed envelope with the United States Postal Service with the postage fully prepaid.
  - b.  **placing** the envelope for collection and mailing on the date and at the place shown in item 4 following our ordinary business practices. I am readily familiar with this business's practice for collecting and processing correspondence for mailing. On the same day that correspondence is placed for collection and mailing, it is deposited in the ordinary course of business with the United States Postal Service in a sealed envelope with postage fully prepaid.
4. The envelope was addressed and mailed as follows:
    - a. Name of person served:
    - b. Address:
    - c. Date mailed:
    - d. Place of mailing (*city and state*):
  5.  I served a request to modify a child custody, visitation, or child support judgment or permanent order which included an address verification declaration. (*Declaration Regarding Address Verification—Postjudgment Request to Modify a Child Custody, Visitation, or Child Support Order (form FL-334) may be used for this purpose.*)
  6. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE OF PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM)

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