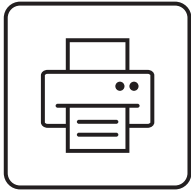


Parenting Plan

Instructions

You made your Parenting Plan. Here's what to do next.



1. Print the Parenting Plan.



2. Review and complete the Parenting Plan. Sign it. If the other parent agrees with the terms, they can sign it, too.



3. File or e-file the Parenting Plan with the Circuit Clerk.

Learn more about e-filing:

<https://www.illinoiscourts.gov/eservices/information-for-filers-without-lawyers>



4. After you file the Parenting Plan, you need to send a copy to the other parent, or their lawyer if they have one. You don't need to do this if you and the other parent filed an agreed Parenting Plan. Use ILAO's Proof of delivery Easy Form to make the forms.

<https://www.illinoislegalaid.org/legal-information/proof-delivery>

Important: Each parent must file a Parenting Plan within 120 days of:

- Filing a divorce or parental responsibilities case,
- Asking the court for parental responsibilities, or
- The date the parent was notified of the divorce or parental responsibilities case.

Note: A judge may not require a Parenting Plan to be filed, so ask the judge during your next court date whether they want you to file one.

If the parents cannot agree, the court will hold a hearing and review the filed Parenting Plans when it decides parental responsibilities. If neither parent files a Parenting Plan, the court will decide parental responsibilities based on its own determination of the child's best interests.

Learn more about getting parental responsibilities of a child:

<https://www.illinoislegalaid.org/legal-information/getting-parental-responsibilities-or-custody-child>

Do not file these instructions with the circuit clerk.