

MOVING WITH CHILDREN WHEN THERE ARE COURT ORDERS ABOUT THE CHILDREN

YOU CAN USE THIS PACKET IF ALL THIS IS TRUE:

- A court order gives you and the other parent joint legal decision-making, or a court order gives both you and the other parent parenting time.
- You and the other parent live in Arizona.
- You want to move with the children out-of-state or more than 100 miles in-state.
- No court order dated within one year of the proposed move specifically allows or prohibits the move.

Before signing a court document or getting involved with a court case, it's important to see an attorney to make sure you know your legal rights and responsibilities. The Self-Help Center has information on finding an attorney.

INSTRUCTIONS

This packet is based on Arizona law (A.R.S. 25-408) and the Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure (Rule 91(E)), which list requirements about moving with a child when both parents share legal decision-making and/or parenting time.

Deadline: At least 45 days before moving, you must provide written notice of the move to the other parent.

The other parent has the option to ask the court to prevent the move.

STEP 1: FILL OUT THE LETTER: MOVING WITH YOUR CHILDREN

STEP 2: DELIVER THE FORM TO THE OTHER PARTY

Take the Letter to the post office. You must have it mailed “certified mail, deliver to addressee only, restricted delivery, return receipt requested”.

Or, you may deliver the Letter using an appropriate service method. You can find information about service methods at the Self-Help Center.

LETTER: MOVING WITH YOUR CHILDREN

My Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Today’s Date: _____

Other Parent’s Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

To the other parent of the children listed below:

This letter is to notify you that I plan to relocate out-of-state or more than 100 miles in-state with our children as follows:

Children’s Names: _____

I plan to relocate to: _____

On this date: _____

For this reason: _____

The relocation will happen no sooner than 45 days from today, pursuant to A.R.S. 25-408.

My Signature: _____