

How to Respond to the Other Parent's Objection to Your Move with the Children

Use this packet ONLY if:

- You have been properly served with an *Objection about Moving with Children*, and
- You want to respond to the *Objection*.

After the *Objection* is filed, you are allowed to move with the children unless:

- the court approved an order preventing your move, or
- the other parent scheduled a hearing on a motion to prevent the move within 15 days of you being served with the *Objection about Moving with Children*.

Talk to a lawyer, if you can

These instructions have been developed by the King County Superior Court Family Law Information Center. They are not intended to be a substitute for legal advice. They provide only legal *information*. It's a good idea to talk to a lawyer before you file any forms. If you cannot afford a lawyer, you can:

- Find a lawyer to help you with the *most difficult* parts of your case, such as reviewing your forms, explaining how to get ready for court and confirming this is the best legal action for your case. You can contact the King County Bar Association to ask for a referral.
- Ask the Family Law Facilitator's office for a list of low-cost and free legal resources.

King County Superior Court
516 3rd Ave, Room W-382
Seattle, WA 98104

Maleng Regional Justice Center
401 4th Ave North, Room 3D
Kent, WA 98032

Step 1: The deadline for your response depends on how you were served.

You have: **20 days** to respond if you were personally served in Washington State.

You have: **20 days** to respond, starting three days after the Objection was sent to you by certified mail.

You have: **60 days** to respond if you were personally served outside Washington State.

If you miss your deadline, the other parent can get everything they asked for in the *Objection about Moving with Children and Petition about Changing a Parenting/Custody Order*.

Step 2: Fill out these forms.

All of these forms can be downloaded at: www.courts.wa.gov/forms/

Form Name	Form Number	Notes	Completed
Response to Objection about Moving with Children and Petition about Changing a Parenting/Custody Order (Relocation)	FL Relocate 722		<input type="checkbox"/>

If the other parent asked to change child support, fill out these forms too:

Child Support Order	FL All Family 130		<input type="checkbox"/>
Child Support Worksheets	WSCSS-Worksheets		<input type="checkbox"/>
Child Support Schedule and Instructions	WSCSS-Schedule	Use these instructions to calculate the Child Support Worksheets. Online Child Support Calculator available at: https://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/dcs/SSGen/Home	
Financial Declaration of (name): _____	FL All Family 131		<input type="checkbox"/>
Sealed Financial Source Documents	FL All Family 011	Attach financial records to this coversheet.	<input type="checkbox"/>

You must provide copies of financial records, including:

- Your W-2s and complete personal tax returns for the past 2 years
- Your most recent pay stubs (at least 6 months)
- Complete partnership/corporate tax returns for the past 2 years if you have a 5% interest or more
- Statements from all of your banks and financial institutions for the past 6 months

Note: The other parent can ask you for a copy of your check register. If this happens, you will have 14 days to provide it.

Step 2: Make copies and file the forms with the Clerk's Office.

How many copies do I need?

- **Original** set to file with Clerk's Office in E-609 in Seattle and 2C in Kent.
- Copy 1 is to serve the other parent.
- Copy 2 you will keep for your records.

Step 3: Have the other party served.

What to Serve

All forms you filled out in Step 1 need to be served to the other parent.

How to Serve

You may deliver or mail the documents yourself (if there is not an order preventing you from having contact). If the other party has an attorney, deliver or mail the forms to the attorney instead.

After you have delivered the forms to the other party or attorney, fill out the *Proof of Mailing or Hand Delivery* form. File the original with the Clerk's Office and keep a copy for your records.

You may also have someone else serve the other party or his/her attorney for you. The server must be over 18. After serving, the server fills out the *Proof of Mailing or Hand Delivery* form and returns it to you. File the original with the Clerk's Office and keep a copy for your records.

Step 4: Go to a family law class.

You need to go to a class, called the *Family Law Orientation (FLO)*, if you do not have an attorney representing you. This class will explain how the courts handle family law cases. And it will tell you where you can find information and help.

There is a deadline to complete this class in the *Order Setting Case Schedule*, which should have been served to you.

Go to the [Family Law Facilitator's Office](#) to register for the FLO (W-382 in Seattle and 3D in Kent) or visit the website.

Step 5: Follow your case schedule.

If you were not served with the *Order Setting Case Schedule*, you can get a copy from the Clerk's Office.

Your case may be referred to Family Court Services for mediation on the parenting plan.

If you reach an agreement, you can finish the case without waiting for the trial date. Ask a facilitator for instructions on how to finish the case by agreement.

Step 6: Attend pretrial conference hearing.

You will receive an *Order to Appear to Pretrial Conference* from your assigned judge. This order tells you when and where the hearing will be.

The case can be dismissed if both parties do not go to the pretrial conference.

At the pretrial conference, the judge will sign an *Order on Pretrial Conference*. Use this order to prepare for trial. Ask a facilitator for instructions on how to prepare for trial.

Step 7: Finish the case at trial.

If you and the other party cannot come to an agreement, you will have a trial before a judge.

You need to prepare a trial notebook, which should include the following:

Form Name	Form Number	Notes	Completed
Final Order and Findings on Objection about Moving with Children and Petition about Changing a Parenting/Custody Order (Relocation)	FL Relocate 735	Fill this out the way you want the judge to decide.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parenting Plan	FL All Family 140	Fill this out the way you want the judge to decide.	<input type="checkbox"/>

If the other parent asked to change child support, include these forms in the trial notebook:

Child Support Order	FL All Family 130	Fill this out the way you want the judge to decide.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child Support Worksheets	WSCSS-Worksheets	Fill this out the way you want the judge to decide.	<input type="checkbox"/>

These may not be all the forms you need for trial. You should get legal advice if possible. Please ask a facilitator for a Resource List that you may use to find programs giving free or low-cost legal advice.

You should also ask a facilitator for trial prep instructions.