Family Law Self Help Programs

These Family Law programs are operated by Bay Area Legal Services, a non-profit law firm. These services are free and are designed to provide information to people who are representing themselves in family law cases in Hillsborough County.

Legal Information Center	Family Forms Clinic	Legal Information Program
(Hillsborough County)	(Hillsborough County)	(Plant City Courthouse)

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY FAMILY LAW PACKETS AND FORMS

Packet # or Form #	
	ADOPTION
1	**Stepparent Adoption - Child's Natural Parents and Stepparent all Consent** Stepparent is adopting his/her spouse's biological minor child and all parties are in agreement and will sign.
12.981(d)(1) 12.981(d)(2)	**Petition for Adoption Information** You want to ask the court to release information from an adoption file.
	DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (DIVORCE)
15	**Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Children - By Agreement** Both parties agree on all issues and will complete all necessary forms and parenting classes.
16	**Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Children - Personal Service** The other spouse will be served with the case.
17	**Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Children - Publication** You cannot locate your spouse after a recent diligent search, or your spouse has never lived in Florida.
18	**Answer to Petition for Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Children** You have been served with a dissolution of marriage case and want to file an answer.
19	**Dissolution of Marriage No Children - By Agreement** Both parties agree on all issues and will complete all necessary forms and requirements.
20	**Dissolution of Marriage No Children - Personal Service** The other spouse will be served with the case.
21	**Dissolution of Marriage No Children - Publication** You cannot locate your spouse after a recent diligent search, or your spouse has never lived in Florida.
22	**Answer to Petition for Dissolution of Marriage No Children** You have been served with a dissolution of marriage case and want to file an answer.
27	**Simplified Dissolution of Marriage** There are no minor or dependent children, there will be no alimony, both parties will sign the petition AND both parties MUST be present at the hearing.
	NAME CHANGE
30	**Minor Name Change - Both Parents Agree**
31	**Minor Name Change - Personal Service or Publication**
42	**Adult Name Change**
12.982(f) 12.982(g)	**Family Name Change**

	PATERNITY
33	**Joint Petition to Establish Paternity and Other Relief** You and the child's other parent have never been married to each other, you both agree on all issues, and you both will complete all necessary forms and parenting classes.
34	**Paternity - Personal Service** You and the child's other parent have never been married to each other, and the other parent will be served with the case.
35	**Paternity - mother of child married to someone else at time of child's conception and/or birth** You and the child's other parent have never been married to each other, and the mother of one or more child(ren) was married to someone else at the time of conception and/or birth.
36	**Answer to Petition to Establish Paternity and Other Relief** You were served with a paternity petition and want to file an answer.
44	**Disestablishment of Paternity** A man wants to disestablish paternity or terminate a child support obligation because he is not the biological father.
	SUPPORT (Child Support and Spousal/Alimony)
2	**Modify Alimony** You want to ask the court to change the amount of alimony you have been ordered to pay or receive.
3	**Modify Child Support** A judicial order (not administrative) for you to pay or receive child support was issued in Hillsborough County and you want to ask the court to change it.
4	**Answer to Supplemental Petition to: Modify Child Support or Modify Parenting Plan/Time-Sharing Schedule** You were served with a petition to modify support or timesharing and want to file an answer.
5	**Petition for Support (child and/or spousal) and Timesharing Unconnected with Dissolution of Marriage** You want to ask the court to enter a support and/or timesharing order while you and your spouse are separated and you want to stay married. Do Not use this packet to request TEMPORARY support and/or timesharing if you intend to file for divorce (you would request TEMPORARY issues IN THE DIVORCE).
6	**Blank Motion** You want to file a motion in an existing case - for example: emergency motions, motion to reinstate driver's license, motion to stop child support, etc. -- and there is no other packet that applies.
7	**Motion for Payment Credit** You want to ask for child support or alimony credit.
8	**Petition to Contest Driver's License Suspension** You have received a notice stating that your license will be suspended.
9	**Motion to Contest Notice of Delinquency and Impending Judgment** You have received a notice stating that a judgment will be filed against you.
10	**Contempt** The other party is not following what they were ordered to do/not do and you want to ask the court to enforce the order.
40	**Petition for Superseding Child Support Order Without Timesharing** You already have an existing Department of Revenue Administrative Child Support Order and you either are currently married to the other party or you have a separate order addressing custody, visitation, parental responsibility, and/or timesharing, and you want a circuit court support order to take the place of the Administrative support order.
41	**Petition for Superseding Child Support Order With Timesharing** You already have an existing Department of Revenue Administrative Child Support Order and you have never been married to the other party and there is NO order addressing parental responsibility and/or timesharing and you want a circuit court timesharing order and support order that will take the place of the Administrative support order.
43	**Motion for Income Withholding Order (IWO) - formerly Income Deduction Order** You have an existing Hillsborough County court order for child support and/or alimony and want the payments to come out of the payor's paychecks.

TIMESHARING (formerly Custody/Visitation)

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11	**Emergency Motion for Child Pick-Up Order** You have legal time-sharing of the child(ren) and you want to ask the court to enter an order directing law enforcement to take a minor child(ren) from the person who currently has physical possession and deliver the child(ren) to you. You must have an existing Hillsborough County case or must file a Petition to begin a case before you can use this motion.
12	**Modify Parenting Plan/Time-Sharing** An order for parenting/timesharing/custody/visitation was issued in Hillsborough County and you want to ask the court to change it. (No packet is needed if both parties are in agreement – contact **Mediation & Diversion Services**).
13	**Extended Family Custody - Temporary or Concurrent** Use this packet is you are seeking custody of a child related to you and you are not the child's parent.
14	**Petition to Domesticate and Enforce Out-of-State Custody Order** You want to ask the court to enforce an out-of-state parenting/time-sharing/custody/visitation order.
32	**Petition to Establish Parental Responsibility and a Parenting Plan/Time-Sharing Schedule** You have never been married to the child's other parent, a court has already ordered child support, and you want the court to establish a parenting/time-sharing order.
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28	**Motion To/For Re-Open/Rehearing/Vacate/Compel** You want to file a Motion for one of the following: 1) set aside dismissal and re-open case, 2) for a rehearing, 2) to vacate an order, or 3) to compel compliance with mandatory disclosure.
29	**Temporary Injunction to Prevent Removal of Minor Child(ren) and/or Denial of Passport Services** You want the court to enter an order that your minor child(ren) is/are not to be removed from the State of Florida while a case involving the child(ren)'s time-sharing is pending.

38	**Motion for Temporary Relief** You have a pending/open Dissolution of Marriage (divorce) or paternity case and you want to ask the court to enter a temporary order.
	Motion/Order to Appear Telephonically You want to ask the court to allow you to appear at a hearing by telephone. (available at **www.fljud13.org/Resources/Forms**)

PETITIONS

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37	**Blank Petition** You want to start a new case and there is no other packet that applies.
39	**Petition to Permit Relocation with Minor Child(ren)** You have a Hillsborough County parenting/timesharing pending case or existing order and you want to move more than 50 miles.
40	**Petition for Superseding Child Support Order Without Timesharing** You already have an existing Department of Revenue Administrative Child Support Order and you either are currently married to the other party or you have a separate order addressing custody, visitation, parental responsibility, and/or timesharing, and you want a circuit court support order to take the place of the Administrative support order.
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