



Superior Court of the State of California
County of Kings

Adoption Investigation Packet

(utilized for Stepparent or Domestic Partner Adoption Cases)
Local forms- No charge for packet.

? What is involved with the investigation?

In order to perform the investigation required, you will need to complete the items on the checklist (provided in the packet). The investigation packet can be submitted either along with the Adoption forms that open the case or after the case is opened.

Once all items have been completed return them to the clerk's office the investigator will schedule a home visit.

? After the home visit the following will occur:

- a background check will be performed,
- collateral contacts will be made, as necessary,
- CPS and other agencies may be contacted,
- a follow-up interview may be scheduled,
- a report is then generated and sent to the Petitioner (and all other interested parties),
- the petitioner will then be contacted (by the investigator) and informed to contact the clerk's office (calendar desk) for a court date.



The investigation **will not** take place until this packet is submitted with the fee.

Filing Fees:

Adoption Request fee: \$ 20.00 / per child

Court Reporter fee: \$ 30.00

Investigation fee: \$ 350.00

This fee is paid upon the return of the
Investigation Packet.

Additional Investigation fee*: \$ 350.00

* For stepparent adoptions only. This fee will apply if the Petition to Declare minor Free of Custody and Control is filed at a **separate time** from the opening of the adoption.

There may be forms and/or attachments needed in your particular case. Forms are available at the Clerk's Office on specific request or may be accessed on www.courts.ca.gov

The following local forms are included in this packet:

Name of local form:		Last revised on:
Adoption check-list for Petitioners --local form		05-04-16
<i>Purpose of form:</i>	This document lists the required forms and items that must be submitted to the court before your adoption investigation will be scheduled.	
<i>Note:</i>	Do not make copies of this form. However, keep this sheet handy.	
Adoption Questionnaire (Stepparent or DP Adoption) –local form		05-04-16
<i>Purpose of form:</i>	Introduces you and your situation to the investigator handling your case.	
<i>Note:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once this form is completed, submit this form along with the items required to be submitted from the check-list. 	
Personal Reference Questionnaire- local form		05-04-16
<i>Purpose of form:</i>	Provides information to the investigator regarding you being a suitable candidate for the adoption of the minor child (children).	
<i>Note:</i>	Six (6) forms are provided.	
<i>Instructions:</i>	Provide this form to six individuals who will vouch for your qualification as a suitable candidate for the adoption of the minor child or children. Once they are completed, they are to be returned to you. Submit these forms with the items required to be submitted from the check-list.	

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Where can I file my paperwork?

HANFORD	1640 Kings County Drive, Hanford, CA 93230	(559) 582-1010
Hours of Operation:		
Except for Court Closure days and Holidays		
Business Days:	Business Hours:	
Monday – Thursday	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m	
Friday	8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	