



Office of the Court Executive
Superior Court of the State of California
County of Kings

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and

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NO-COST FAMILY LAW WORKSHOPS

Superior Court of California, County of Kings Self-Help Resource Center and Family Law Facilitator's Office would like to announce beginning January 8, 2020, we will be offering the following workshops:

Modifying Child Custody/Visitation

Every Wednesday, beginning January 8, 2020 at 2:15 p.m., we will offer a Child Custody/Visitation Modification workshop. This workshop is designed to help you correctly fill out the paperwork you need to request a hearing to change child custody and/or visitation orders. You **MUST** bring a complete copy of your current custody/visitation orders and be sure it includes your court case number. You will need to purchase the Request for Order packet at the Clerk's Office before you come to this workshop or you can print the packet for fee by visiting our website at kings.courts.ca.gov. The workshop should take 2-3 hours.

Preparing Documents for Dissolution of Marriage, Legal Separation or Nullity

Every Thursday, beginning January 9, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., we will offer a "Preparing Pleadings for Dissolution of Marriage, Legal Separation or Nullity" workshop. This will walk you through all the documents you must prepare, file and serve to be able to file either a default judgment or a stipulated (agreed to) judgment. This includes information about different types of service of documents on the other party. These occur where the Respondent does not file a Response to the Petition for Dissolution. If the Respondent files a Response to your Petition for Dissolution, you either must set your matter for a trial (contested hearing) or come to agreements about entry of judgment. You must bring your last two months' paystubs if you're working, and your last 2 years' tax returns, if you have filed taxes. You cannot do your disclosures, which are required before you can do your judgment, without your pay stubs and tax returns. You are also going to need information on values for vehicles (private party sale on Kelly Blue Book—can access on line), houses and other property as well to be able to complete all the required forms. This workshop should last about 2-3 hours.

Preparing Documents for Probate Guardianship of a Minor (MUST be a relative of the minor.)

Every Thursday, beginning January 9, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. we will offer a workshop on how to fill out all the paperwork required to submit a Petition for Temporary Guardian as well as a Petition for Guardianship of a Minor. For these documents, you must be a relative of the child or children for whom you are seeking a guardianship. You must have valid addresses for service on all relatives out to and including grandparents of the child or children. You must also have the name(s) of the school(s) the child/children attend, including the address(es) and phone number(s). If there are individuals for whom you want to ask the Court to waive service, you must have a valid reason for asking for this, such as the person is deceased, or they've signed a consent for the guardianship. If the child or children who are the subjects of the guardianship have siblings (brothers and sisters) who are over 12 years old they also must be served. If the child or children who are the subjects of the guardianship are over 12, you must also serve them. Generally, it is difficult to get a guardianship of a child who is not already living with you. Anyone, including you, who lives in your household, or who regularly visits, will be required to undergo a Livescan background check. This workshop may take up to 3-1/2 hours to complete.

Things to know:

You must sign-up in advance for each workshop you wish to attend. You may sign-up for by visiting the Self-Help Center or by calling (559)582-1010 Ext 6029.

There is no cost to attend any of the workshops.

Please arrive at the Self-Help Resource Center approximately 10 minutes before the workshop you signed-up for is scheduled to begin.

No children, or babies of any age, are allowed to attend the workshop.

We CANNOT give you legal advice. We can explain the courtroom process for the legal issues in your case, and provide you with legal options. It is up to you to decide how to proceed.

We must have at least 2 people attend each workshop. If not enough people attend, we will still assist you as a regular walk-in customer at the Self-Help Center.

Please bring any current orders you may have with you and be sure to have your court case number if you have one.