

YAVAPAI COUNTY
Self-Service Center

**INSTRUCTIONS: COMPLETING A RESPONSE TO THE PETITION FOR
MODIFICATION OF LEGAL DECISION-MAKING
AND/OR PARENTING TIME**

TO COMPLETE THIS FORM YOU WILL NEED TO:

Have in front of you a copy of the Petition and other documents with which you were served. You will need to look at these documents as you complete the forms.

DEFINITIONS:

1. **“Sole Legal Decision-Making”** means one parent has the legal right and responsibility to make major decisions for the child(ren).
2. **“Parenting Time”** means the schedule of time during which each parent has access to the child(ren) as specified times. Each parent during their scheduled parenting time is responsible for providing the child(ren) with food, clothing and shelter and may make routine decisions concerning the child(ren)’s care.
3. **“Joint Legal Decision-Making”** means both parents share decision-making and neither parent’s rights or responsibilities are superior except with respect to specified decisions as set forth by the court of the parents in the final judgment or order.

**RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF LEGAL DECISION-MAKING AND/OR
PARENTING TIME**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK INK ONLY!

- ✓ Make sure your form is titled RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF LEGAL DECISION-MAKING AND/OR PARENTING TIME on the upper right hand part of the first page.
- ✓ In the top left corner of the first page, fill in your name, mailing address, daytime telephone number and your ATLAS number.
- ✓ Fill in the name of Petitioner and name of Respondent, **exactly as it appears on your original Divorce, Paternity, or Legal Decision-Making papers**. If your original case was in Yavapai County, you will use the same case number. If this is a new case in Yavapai County, you must file a **certified copy** of your legal decision-making order along with these forms and will get a new case number at that time. Mark whether the Petition for Modification is to change legal decision-making and/or parenting time.
- ✓ On the first line, write in whether you are the Petitioner or the Respondent. On the rest of the lines, tell the Court how and why you disagree with the Petition. You are also agreeing to appear in Court as ordered.
- ✓ Date and sign.

GO ON TO: WHAT TO DO WITH THE DOCUMENTS AFTER I HAVE COMPLETED THEM