

YAVAPAI COUNTY
Self-Service Center

**RESPONDING TO A PETITION TO ESTABLISH
PATERNITY, LEGAL DECISION-MAKING,
PARENTING TIME, AND CHILD SUPPORT**

CHECKLIST

USE THE FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS in this packet only if the following factors apply to your situation:

- ✓ Another party has filed a petition in court claiming you are the father of a child or children and asking the Court to name you as the father and decide legal decision-making, parenting time and child support **AND** you disagree with some or all parts of the Petition and want the Court to hear your side of the story,

OR

- ✓ Another party has filed a petition in court claiming to be the father of a child or children and asking the Court to name him as the father and decide legal decision-making, parenting time and child support **AND** you disagree with some or all parts of the Petition and want the Court to hear your side of the story.

DO NOT USE THE FORMS and instructions in this packet if the following factor applies to your situation:

- ✗ You already have an order of paternity and now want to establish legal decision-making, parenting time and/or child support.

READ ME: It is very important for you to know that when you sign a court document, you may be helping or hurting your court case. Before you sign any court document, or get involved with a court case, it is important that you see a lawyer to make sure you are doing the right thing.