

YAVAPAI COUNTY
Self-Service Center

VOLUNTARY PATERNITY

CHECKLIST

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

- ✓ You are the biological parents of the minor child(ren) born out of wedlock, which means
 - the mother was not married at the time of the birth, **AND**
 - the mother was not married at any time during the ten months immediately preceding the birth, **AND**
- ✓ You both **AGREE** on who the father is (or you agree to be bound by the test results from a certified laboratory), **AND**
- ✓ **You want a court order establishing paternity, AND**
- ✓ **You have one of the following:**
 - **Affidavit of Acknowledgment** – an agreement with the notarized or witnessed signatures of **BOTH** parents telling the Court that you both **AGREE** that the man named as father in the agreement and signing the papers as the father **IS** the biological father of the minor child(ren) named in the agreement (affidavit) **OR**
 - **Genetic (DNA) testing** – both parents agree to be bound by the results of genetic testing, and you have a copy of the test results showing that the individual named as the father has not been excluded as the natural father, **AND**
- ✓ You do **not** want a court order about parenting time, legal decision-making for the minor child(ren), and child support *at this time**

* If you file to establish where the child(ren) will live, parenting time, and child support, within **90** days of issuance of this order, there is no additional filing fee.

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

- ✗ There is already an Arizona child support order concerning the minor child(ren) in this case.
- ✗ **Anyone's** name is already listed as father on the birth certificate.

WARNING: Signing and filing these documents will permanently affect the legal rights and responsibilities of all parties involved. Consult a lawyer to assist you in making an informed, intelligent decision.