

## **Yavapai County Superior Court announces implementation of the Family Court Pathways Tool**

Effective **February 9, 2026**, Yavapai County Superior Court began using the **Family Court Pathways Tool**, pursuant to Administrative Order 2026-02, to help assess family court cases quickly and efficiently. This online tool consists of a series of questions designed to determine the most appropriate level of court intervention and services, while promoting the best interests of children, reducing conflict, and ensuring effective use of court and community resources.

All answers are private. The judge, court staff, and other party do not see the answers provided. They only know a case's recommended Pathway.

Questions are asked about physical and mental health conditions, serious relationship problems, financial status, and contact with law enforcement. Answers are only used to recommend the best Pathway for that case.

The **Family Court Pathways Tool** will be completed in pre-decree cases only and when both parties are not represented by an attorney in the following case types:

1. **Dissolution of Marriage with Minor Children** – at the time of filing or responding to an initial petition.
2. **Legal Separation of Marriage with Minor Children** – at the time of filing or responding to an initial petition.
3. **Establish Paternity, Legal Decision-Making/Parenting Time/Child Support** – at the time of filing or responding to an initial petition.

Parties required to complete the Family Court Pathways Tool (available in English and Spanish) can EITHER have the link emailed to them OR by use of a provided tablet/computer at one of the following locations:

### **PRESCOTT:**

-ADR Services (4<sup>th</sup> Floor Room 402). Questions or to request the link be emailed to you:

**928-777-3066** | [yavapaiadr@courts.az.gov](mailto:yavapaiadr@courts.az.gov)

-Law Library (1<sup>st</sup> Floor Room 112)

-Family Law Navigator (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) – BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

### **VERDE:**

-Computer in **Self-Service** area. Double-click on “Pathways Tool.” The language can be changed to Spanish at the top of screen.