

Establish a New Court Order

If you have not been to court on the issue of visitation before, then you may need to establish a court order. A visitation rights court order is the order from a judge that legally allocates scheduled time for you to have with your child, thus ensuring that you are able to see your child regardless of whether the other party agrees or not. Family courts exist to prevent conflicts in relationships between parents from negatively impacting your child.

Modify an Existing Court Order

If a judge has already signed an order creating a visitation schedule for you and your child the circumstances of either the child or the parents may have changed in such a way that the existing order is no longer a workable arrangement. For instance, if you took a new job requiring you to work on weekends, it may be necessary to change the existing visitation arrangements so that you can have more time with your child during the week. Courts can help make these modifications. Keep in mind that the courts' standard is always the best interests of your child

Enforce an Existing Court Order

When you already have a court order in place, you may need help with enforcing that order. When visitation under your existing order is not being honored, the court can force the other party to grant you visitation through the imposition of fines, jail confinement, or in certain cases, changing where the child lives.

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