

INFORMATION ABOUT RELOCATION OF CUSTODY

A supplement to be used until the RELOCATION OF CUSTODY PACKET is available

DEFINITION: Relocation is defined as a change in a residence of the child which significantly impairs the ability of a non-relocating party to exercise custodial rights. If one party wants to move, and the change in residence of the child will significantly impair the ability of the non-relocating party to exercise custodial rights, the moving party must comply with the Relocation statute, 23 Pa.C.S. § 5337.

THE RELOCATION OF CUSTODY PACKET: The **RELOCATION OF CUSTODY PACKET** is not yet available. Until such time as it is available, a person wishing to relocate should consult with an attorney. A list of Attorneys Practicing in Adams County Available for Consultation On Filling Out Self-Help Custody and Divorce Forms may be obtained by inquiring with the Prothonotary, Law Library, Adams County Children and Youth Services, Adams County Domestic Relations Office, or the Office of the Court Administrator.

UNTIL THE PACKET IS AVAILABLE: If you cannot afford an attorney but wish to relocate, please use either the **OBTAINING A CUSTODY ORDER PACKET** or the **MODIFICATION OF A CUSTODY ORDER PACKET**:

- If you've never been to Court and there is no Court Order, use the **OBTAINING A CUSTODY ORDER PACKET**.
- If you have been to Court, and there is a Court Order in place, use the **MODIFICATION OF A CUSTODY ORDER PACKET**.

TELL THE COURT ABOUT THE PROPOSED RELOCATION: If you decide to use the **OBTAINING A CUSTODY ORDER PACKET** or **MODIFICATION OF A CUSTODY ORDER PACKET**, please read and follow the directions and fill out the forms completely. Please also indicate on the Custody Complaint or Petition for Modification that you wish to relocate and are asking the Court for permission to relocate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Please see 23 Pa.C.S. § 5337 and Pennsylvania Rule of Civil Procedure 1915.17 for further information regarding Relocation. Access to the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure, Adams County local Rules of Civil Procedure, and Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is available in the Law Library, on the third floor of the Adams County Courthouse. See also <http://www.adamscounty.us> and <http://www.pacode.com> for more information.

DISCLAIMER

Court staff is not able to give you legal advice or help you fill out/complete these forms. The information in this supplement is not a substitute for professional legal advice. The Court, the Adams County Bar Association and the Family Law Committee assume no responsibility and accept no liability for actions taken by users of these documents, including reliance on their contents. If you want to obtain the services of an attorney but do not know whom to contact, please call the Pennsylvania Lawyer Referral Service at 1-800-692-7375. A list of Attorneys Practicing in Adams County Available for Consultation On Filling Out Self-Help Custody and Divorce Forms can be obtained by inquiring with the Prothonotary, Law Library, Adams County Children and Youth Services, Adams County Domestic Relations Office, or the Office of the Court Administrator.

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