

DEFENDING AGAINST AN ORIGINAL COMPLAINT FOR CUSTODY OR A MOTION TO MODIFY CUSTODY

*It is not required that you file an Answer to a Complaint for Custody but if you are representing yourself, if it is recommended that you file one to let the court know if you agree or disagree with the Complaint or Motion filed by the other party.

	Answer	Tells the Court whether you agree or disagree with the Complaint.
Uniform Dom. Relations Affidavit #1*	Affidavit of Income Basic Information, and Expenses.	Tells the Court about your income situation to establish support.
Uniform Dom. Relations Affidavit #3*	Parenting Proceeding Affidavit	Tells the Court where the children have lived for the last five years and the names of the adults responsible for their care during this five-year period (or since birth if under age five).
Uniform Dom. Relations #4*	Health Insurance Affidavit	Tells the Court you and your child(ren)'s health insurance information.
Uniform Dom. Relations 31/Juv. Form 10	Request for Service	You can mail the above documents directly to the other party or you can use this form to ask the Clerk to mail them. *US Regular Mail is the normal service method.

***Affidavits must be signed in front of a Notary who will administer an Oath**

INSTRUCTIONS:

- All forms must either be typed or printed in ink. You must fill out the forms completely before taking them to the Court. The court staff will not help you complete the forms.
- After completing the forms, you must make copies before you file the forms. You will need one copy for each other party and one copy for yourself. The Court will keep the original documents.
- Once you file the forms, the Clerk will send you notice of any court dates. Attend every court date.
- **NOTE:** If you move, call the Clerk with your new address.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

_____ COUNTY, OHIO
_____ DIVISION

In Re: _____

Plaintiff

Case No. _____

Judge _____

vs.

ANSWER

Defendant

Now Comes Defendant and for an Answer states as follows:

1. I am the _____ of the minor child(ren) in this action.
2. I do not agree that the Plaintiff should be granted custody of the minor child(ren), for

the following reasons: _____

_____.

Respectfully submitted,

(Your Signature)

Print Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone

PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing was served upon _____,
(Name of other party or their attorney)

_____, by regular U.S. Mail
(Address of Other Party or their attorney Plaintiff's Attorney)

this _____ day of _____, 20____.
(Date) (Month)

(Your Signature)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

 _____ **DIVISION**
 _____ **COUNTY, OHIO**

 Plaintiff/Petitioner 1

Case No. _____

vs./and

Judge _____

 Defendant/Petitioner 2

Magistrate _____

Instructions: Check local court rules to determine when this form must be filed. This affidavit is used to make complete disclosure of income, expenses, and money owed. It is used to determine child and spousal support. Do not leave any category blank. For each item, if none, put "NONE." If you do not know exact figures for any item, give your best estimate, and put "EST." **If you need more space, add additional pages.**

AFFIDAVIT OF BASIC INFORMATION, INCOME, AND EXPENSES

Affidavit of _____
 (Print Name)

Date of marriage _____ Date of separation _____

SECTION I – BASIC INFORMATION

Plaintiff/Petitioner 1

Defendant/Petitioner 2

Date of Birth _____	Date of Birth _____
Last 4 Digits of Social Security # XXX-XX-_____	Last 4 Digits of Social Security # XXX-XX-_____
Phone Number _____	Phone Number _____
Email Address _____	Email Address _____
Is an interpreter needed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes or <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, explain: _____	Is an interpreter needed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes or <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, explain: _____
Health: <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor If health is not good, please explain:	Health: <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor If health is not good, please explain:

Education: (<i>Check highest level achieved</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Grade School <input type="checkbox"/> High School <input type="checkbox"/> Associate <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> Post Graduate	Education: (<i>Check highest level achieved</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Grade School <input type="checkbox"/> High School <input type="checkbox"/> Associate <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> Post Graduate
Other Technical Certifications: Active Member of the U.S. Military <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Other Technical Certifications: Active Member of the U.S. Military <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

SECTION II – INCOME

	<u>Plaintiff/Petitioner 1</u>	<u>Defendant/Petitioner 2</u>
Employed	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Date of Employment	_____	_____
Name of Employer	_____	_____
Payroll Address	_____	_____
Payroll City, State, Zip	_____	_____
Scheduled Paychecks Per Year	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 <input type="checkbox"/> 24 <input type="checkbox"/> 26 <input type="checkbox"/> 52	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 <input type="checkbox"/> 24 <input type="checkbox"/> 26 <input type="checkbox"/> 52

A. YEARLY INCOME, OVERTIME, COMMISSIONS, AND BONUSES FOR PAST THREE YEARS

	<u>Plaintiff/Petitioner 1</u>	Year	<u>Defendant/Petitioner 2</u>
Base yearly income	\$ _____	3 years ago — 20__	\$ _____
	\$ _____	2 years ago — 20__	\$ _____
	\$ _____	Last year — 20__	\$ _____
Yearly overtime, commissions, and/or bonuses	\$ _____	3 years ago — 20__	\$ _____
	\$ _____	2 years ago — 20__	\$ _____
	\$ _____	Last year — 20__	\$ _____

B. COMPUTATION OF CURRENT INCOME

	<u>Plaintiff/Petitioner 1</u>	<u>Defendant/Petitioner 2</u>
Base Yearly Income	\$ _____	\$ _____
Average yearly overtime, commissions, and/or bonuses over last 3 years (from part A)	\$ _____	\$ _____

	Plaintiff/Petitioner 1	Defendant/Petitioner 2
Unemployment Compensation	\$ _____	\$ _____
Disability Benefits		
Workers' Compensation	\$ _____	\$ _____
Social Security	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Retirement Benefits		
Social Security	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Spousal Support Received	\$ _____	\$ _____
Interest and dividend income (<i>source</i>) _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other income (<i>type and source</i>) _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL YEARLY INCOME	\$ _____	\$ _____
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or public assistance	\$ _____	\$ _____
Social Security or Veteran's benefits received for child(ren)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Based on parent's disability		
<input type="checkbox"/> Based on child's disability	\$ _____	\$ _____
Child support you receive from a child support enforcement agency or court order for minor and/or dependent child(ren) not of the marriage or relationship	\$ _____	\$ _____

SECTION III – CHILDREN AND HOUSEHOLD RESIDENTS

Minor and/or dependent child(ren) who is/are adopted or born from this marriage or relationship:

Name	Date of birth	Living with
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

In addition to the above child(ren):
 Plaintiff/Petitioner 1 has _____ other minor biological or adopted child(ren).
 Defendant/Petitioner 2 has _____ other minor biological or adopted child(ren).
 There is/are _____ adult(s) in your household.

SECTION IV – EXPENSES

List monthly expenses below for your present household.

A. MONTHLY HOUSING EXPENSES

Rent or first mortgage (including taxes and insurance)	\$ _____
Second mortgage/equity line of credit	\$ _____
Real estate taxes (if not included above)	\$ _____
Renter or homeowner’s insurance (if not included above)	\$ _____
Homeowner or condominium association fee	\$ _____
Utilities	
◦ Electric	\$ _____
◦ Gas, fuel oil, propane	\$ _____
◦ Water and sewer	\$ _____
◦ Telephone and/or cell phone	\$ _____
◦ Trash collection	\$ _____
◦ Cable/satellite television	\$ _____
◦ Internet service	\$ _____
Cleaning	\$ _____
Lawn service and/or snow removal	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
TOTAL MONTHLY:	\$ _____

B. OTHER MONTHLY LIVING EXPENSES

Food	
◦ Groceries (including food, paper, cleaning products, toiletries, and other)	\$ _____
◦ Restaurant	\$ _____
Transportation	
◦ Vehicle loan, lease	\$ _____
◦ Vehicle maintenance	\$ _____
◦ Gasoline	\$ _____

◦ Parking, public transportation	\$ _____
Clothing	
◦ Clothes (other than child(ren)'s)	\$ _____
◦ Dry cleaning and laundry	\$ _____
Personal grooming	
◦ Hair and nail care	\$ _____
◦ Other: _____	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____
TOTAL MONTHLY: \$ _____	

C. MONTHLY MINOR CHILD-RELATED EXPENSES
(for child(ren) of the marriage or relationship)

Work and/or education-related child care	\$ _____
Other child care	\$ _____
Extraordinary parenting time travel cost	\$ _____
School tuition	\$ _____
School lunches	\$ _____
School supplies	\$ _____
Extracurricular activities and lessons	\$ _____
Clothing	\$ _____
Child(ren)'s allowances	\$ _____
Special and extraordinary needs of child(ren) (not included elsewhere)	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____
TOTAL MONTHLY: \$ _____	

D. MONTHLY INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Life	\$ _____
Auto	\$ _____
Health	\$ _____
Disability	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____
TOTAL MONTHLY: \$ _____	

E. MONTHLY WORK AND EDUCATION EXPENSES FOR SELF

Mandatory work expenses (union dues, uniforms, or other)	\$ _____
Additional income taxes paid (not deducted from wages)	\$ _____
Tuition	\$ _____
Books, fees, and other	\$ _____
College loan	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
TOTAL MONTHLY:	\$ _____

F. MONTHLY HEALTH CARE EXPENSES

(not covered by insurance)

Physicians	\$ _____
Dentists and orthodontists	\$ _____
Optometrists and opticians	\$ _____
Prescriptions	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____
TOTAL MONTHLY:	\$ _____

G. MISCELLANEOUS MONTHLY EXPENSES

Extraordinary obligations for other minor/handicapped child(ren) [for child(ren) who were not born of this marriage or relationship and were not adopted by these parties]	\$ _____
Child support for child(ren) who were not born of this marriage or relationship and were not adopted by these parties	\$ _____
Expenses paid for adult child(ren) or other dependent(s)	\$ _____
Spousal support paid to former spouse(s)	\$ _____
Subscriptions and books	\$ _____
Charitable contributions	\$ _____
Memberships (associations and clubs)	\$ _____
Travel and vacations	\$ _____
Pets	\$ _____
Gifts	\$ _____
Attorney fees	\$ _____

Other: _____ \$ _____
 _____ \$ _____
TOTAL MONTHLY: \$ _____

H. MONTHLY INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS INCLUDING BANKRUPTCY PAYMENTS

(Do not repeat expenses already listed.)
 Examples: car, credit card, rent-to-own, or cash advance payments

To whom paid	Purpose	Balance due	Monthly payment
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
		TOTAL MONTHLY:	\$ _____

GRAND TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES (Sum of A through H): \$ _____

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

**DIVISION
COUNTY, OHIO**

Plaintiff/Petitioner 1

vs./and

Defendant/Petitioner 2/Respondent

Case No. _____

Judge _____

Magistrate _____

Instructions: Check local court rules to determine when this form must be filed. By law, this affidavit must be filed and served with any Complaint, Petition or Motion regarding the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities, parenting time, custody, or visitation. Each party has a continuing duty while this case is pending to inform the Court of any parenting proceeding concerning the child(ren) in any other court in this or any other state. **If more space is needed, add additional pages.**

PARENTING PROCEEDING AFFIDAVIT (R.C. 3127.23(A))
Affidavit of _____
(Print Name)

ONLY CHECK THE FOLLOWING BOX IF YOU BELIEVE THAT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, OR LIBERTY OF YOURSELF OR YOUR CHILD(REN) WOULD BE JEOPARDIZED BY THE DISCLOSURE OF YOUR ADDRESS OR IDENTIFYING INFORMATION. YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE COURT MAY CONDUCT A HEARING REGARDING THE BASIS FOR YOUR REQUEST.

Pursuant to R.C. 3127.23(D), I allege that my health, safety, or liberty or that of my child(ren) would be jeopardized by the disclosure of identifying information to my spouse or the public. Therefore, I request that my address be placed under seal. I have marked the corresponding box next to each address I am requesting to be sealed.

1. (Number): _____ Minor child(ren) is/are subject to this case as follows:

Insert the information requested below for all minor or dependent children of the parties. You must list the residences for all places where the children have lived for the last **FIVE** years.

a. Child's name		Place of birth	Date of birth	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F
_____		_____	_____	
Date of residence	Address Confidential	Person child lived with (name and address)		Relationship
_____ to present	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ _____		_____
_____ to _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ _____		_____

_____ to _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
_____ to _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

b. Child's name _____	Place of birth _____	Date of birth _____	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F
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Check this box if the information below is the same as in Section 1(a). Skip to the next question.

Date of residence	Address Confidential	Person child lived with (name and address)	Relationship
_____ to present	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
_____ to _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
_____ to _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
_____ to _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

c. Child's name _____	Place of birth _____	Date of birth _____	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F
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Check this box if the information below is the same as in Section 1(a). Skip to the next question.

Date of residence	Address Confidential	Person child lived with (name and address)	Relationship
_____ to present	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
_____ to _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
_____ to _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
_____ to _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

d. Additional children are listed on Attachment 1(d). (Provide requested information for additional children on an attachment labeled 1(d).)

2. Participation in custody case(s): (Check only one box)

- I **HAVE NOT** participated as a party, witness, or in any capacity in any other case, in this or any other state, concerning the custody of or visitation (parenting time), with any child subject to this case.
- I **HAVE** participated as a party, witness, or in any capacity in any other case, in this or any other state, concerning the custody of or visitation (parenting time), with any child subject to this case.

Explain: _____

- a. Name of each child: _____
- b. Type of case: _____
- c. Court and State: _____
- d. Date and court order or judgment (if any): _____

3. Information about custody case(s): (Check only one box)

- I **HAVE NO INFORMATION** of any cases that could affect the current case, including any cases relating to custody; domestic violence or protection orders; dependency, neglect, or abuse allegations; or adoptions concerning any child subject to this case.
- I **HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION** concerning cases that could affect the current case, including any cases relating to custody; domestic violence or protection orders; dependency, neglect, or abuse allegations; or adoptions concerning a child subject to this case, other than listed in Paragraph 2.

Explain: _____

- a. Name of each child: _____
- b. Type of case: _____
- c. Court and State: _____
- d. Date and court order or judgment (if any): _____

4. Information about criminal convictions:

List all of the criminal convictions, including guilty pleas, for you and the members of your household for the following offenses: any criminal offense involving acts that resulted in a child being abused or neglected; any domestic violence offense that is a violation of R.C. 2919.25; any sexually oriented offense as defined in R.C. 2950.01; and any offense involving a victim who was a family or household member at the time of the offense and caused physical harm to the victim during the commission of the offense.

NAME	CASE NUMBER	COURT/COUNTY/STATE	CHARGE

5. Persons not a party to this case: (Check only one box)

- I **DO NOT KNOW OF ANY PERSON** not a party to this case who has physical custody **or** claims to have custody or visitation rights with respect to any child subject to this case.
- I **KNOW THAT THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON(S)** not a party to this case has/have physical custody or claim(s) to have custody or visitation rights with respect to any child subject to this case.

- a. Name/Address of Person: _____
 has physical custody claims custody rights claims visitation rights
 Name of each child: _____
- b. Name/Address of Person: _____
 has physical custody claims custody rights claims visitation rights
 Name of each child: _____
- c. Name/Address of Person: _____
 has physical custody claims custody rights claims visitation rights
 Name of each child: _____

6. I understand that I have a continuing duty to advise this Court of any custody, visitation, parenting time, divorce, dissolution of marriage, separation, neglect, abuse, dependency, guardianship, parentage, termination of parental rights, or protection order from domestic violence case concerning the children about whom information is obtained during this case.

OATH OR AFFIRMATION
(Do not sign until Notary Public is present)

I, (print name) _____, swear or affirm that I have read this Affidavit and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the facts and information stated in this Affidavit are true, accurate, and complete. I understand that if I do not tell the truth, I may be subject to penalties for perjury.

 Your Signature

STATE OF _____)
) SS
 COUNTY OF _____)

Sworn to or affirmed before me by _____ this _____ day of _____, _____.

 Signature of Notary Public

 Printed Name of Notary Public

Commission Expiration Date: _____

(Affix seal here)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

DIVISION

COUNTY, OHIO

Plaintiff/Petitioner 1

vs./and

Defendant/Petitioner 2

Case No. _____
Judge _____
Magistrate _____

Instructions: Check local court rules to determine when this form must be filed. This affidavit is used to disclose health insurance coverage that is available for children of the relationship. It is also used to determine child support. **If more space is needed, add additional pages.**

HEALTH INSURANCE AFFIDAVIT

Affidavit of _____
(Print Name)

Plaintiff/Petitioner 1 **Defendant/Petitioner 2**

Is/are your child(ren) currently enrolled in a government-provided program (i.e. Healthy Start/ Medicaid)? Yes No Yes No

Is/are your child(ren) enrolled in an individual (non-group or COBRA) health insurance plan? Yes No Yes No

Is/are your child(ren) enrolled in a plan found through the exchange/Affordable HealthCare Marketplace? Yes No Yes No

Is/are your child(ren) enrolled in a health insurance plan through a group (employer or other organization)? Yes No Yes No

If your child(ren) is/are not enrolled, does/do he/she/they have health insurance available through a group (employer or other organization)? Yes No Yes No

Does the available insurance cover primary care services within 30 miles of the children's home? Yes No Yes No

Under the available insurance, what is the annual premium you pay for family coverage? \$ _____ \$ _____

Name of group (employer or organization) that provides health insurance _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

OATH OR AFFIRMATION
(Do not sign until Notary Public is present)

I, (print name) _____, swear or affirm that I have read this Affidavit and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the facts and information stated in this Affidavit are true, accurate, and complete. I understand that if I do not tell the truth, I may be subject to penalties for perjury.

Your Signature

STATE OF _____)
) **SS**
COUNTY OF _____)

Sworn to or affirmed before me by _____ this _____ day of _____, _____.

Signature of Notary Public

Printed Name of Notary Public

Commission Expiration Date: _____

(Affix seal here)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

DIVISION

COUNTY, OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF:

A Minor

Name

Street Address

City, State and Zip Code

Case No. _____

Judge _____

Magistrate _____

Plaintiff/Petitioner 1

vs./and

Name

Street Address

City, State and Zip Code

Defendant/Petitioner 2/Respondent

WARNING: This form is not a substitute for the benefit of the advice of legal counsel. It is highly recommended that you consult an attorney.

Instructions: This form is used when you want to request documents to be served on the other party. You must indicate the requested method of service by marking the appropriate box. The Court may require additional forms to accompany this document. You must check the requirements of the county in which you file. **YOU MUST UPDATE THE CLERK OF COURTS IF ANY OF THE ABOVE CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES.**

REQUEST FOR SERVICE

TO THE CLERK OF COURT:

Please serve the following documents: *(check all that apply)*

Complaint for Divorce with Children

- Complaint for Divorce without Children
- Complaint for Parentage, Allocation of Parental Rights and Responsibilities
- Petition for Dissolution
- Motion and Affidavit or Counter Affidavit for Temporary Orders
- Motion for Change of Parental Rights and Responsibilities (Custody)
- Motion for Change of Parenting Time (Companionship and Visitation)
- Motion for Change of Child Support, Medical Support, Tax Exemption, or Other Child-Related Expenses
- Motion for Contempt and Affidavit
- Separation Agreement
- Parenting Plan
- Shared Parenting Plan
- Affidavit of Income and Expenses
- Affidavit of Property
- Parenting Proceeding Affidavit
- Health Insurance Affidavit
- Explanation of Health Care Bills
- Agreed Judgment Entry
- Other: (*specify*) _____

Please serve the following parties with the above marked documents:

- Defendant/Petitioner 2/Respondent at _____(address) by:
 - Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
 - Issuance to Sheriff of _____ County, Ohio for Personal or Residence service
 - Other: (*specify*) _____

- Plaintiff/Petitioner 1 at _____(address) by:
 - Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
 - Issuance to Sheriff of _____ County, Ohio for Personal or Residence service
 - Other: (*specify*) _____

- _____ County Child Support Enforcement Agency at _____(address) by:
 - Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
 - Issuance to Sheriff of _____ County, Ohio for Personal or Residence service
 - Other: (*specify*) _____

- Other _____ at _____ (address) by:
- Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
- Issuance to Sheriff of _____ County, Ohio for Personal or Residence service
- Other: (*specify*) _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO SHERIFF:

 Attorney or Self Represented Party Signature

 Printed Name

 Address

 City, State, Zip

 Phone Number

 Fax Number

 E-mail

 Supreme Court Reg No. (if any)