

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF _____, MISSOURI
(County where court is located. City of Saint Louis is considered a county.)

(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name) (Jr./Sr./III)
Petitioner, (Enter the other parent's full legal name above)

v.

(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name) (Jr./Sr./III)
Respondent. (Enter your full legal name above)

Case Number _____
(Use number on Petition)

Division Number _____
(Use number on Petition)

Respondent's Answer to Petition for Child Custody and Support

1. I understand that by voluntarily entering my appearance and filing this pleading, I am subjecting myself to the jurisdiction of this court, and the court may enter such orders and judgments as are authorized by law, including orders for child support, child custody, parenting time/visitation, and attorney's fees.
2. I admit as true **everything** Petitioner stated in *Petition for Child Custody and Support* and incorporate all of those allegations herein **except** the following:

Any statement not specifically denied will be deemed admitted and you may not have the opportunity to disagree with this statement when the case is presented to the court.

3. Check one of the two boxes.
 I agree with the *Parenting Plan* filed by the Petitioner.
 I do **not** agree with the *Parenting Plan* filed by the Petitioner and I am filing a separate *Parenting Plan*, attached to this *Answer* as Respondent's Exhibit _____ .

8. Do you know of anyone other than you or the other parent who has physical custody of any of the children or claims to have custody or visitation rights with respect to any of the children? *(Check one of the two boxes)*
 Yes No
9. Do you have information about any other custody proceeding concerning any of the children pending in a court of this or any other state? *(Check one of the two boxes)*
 Yes No
10. Have you participated in other litigation concerning the custody of any of the children in this or any other state? *(Check one of the two boxes)*
 Yes No
11. Have any of the children been a victim of abuse or neglect? *(Check one of the two boxes)*
 Yes No
12. If you answered "Yes" to questions 8, 9, 10 or 11, please explain.

13. Has the Family Support Division opened a child support case for any child(ren) listed in this *Petition*? *(Check one of the two boxes)*

Yes No

If yes, list the eight digit IV-D number(s). _____

If yes, has the Family Support Division issued a child support order? *(Check one of the two boxes)*

Yes No

List the judicial case number(s). _____

14. Do any of the children listed in this *Petition* currently receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits through the Family Support Division, or have they received TANF benefits in the past? *(Check one of the two boxes)*

Yes No

Request for Relief

I want the court to do the following: *(Check all that apply)*

- Grant custody of the child(ren) as requested in question 3.
- Child support should be as set forth in Part B of the attached *Parenting Plan* marked Exhibit _____.
- Enter appropriate orders with respect to the support of the child(ren).
- Other (Please state the other request(s))

Proof of Service on Other Parties

You **must** send (serve) a copy of this document to each of the other parties, or their attorney(s). To obtain service, you may deliver the document by hand; send it by First Class U.S. mail, e-mail or facsimile (fax); or leave it at the office of the party's attorney to be served with a clerk, receptionist or an attorney associated with the attorney to be served.

I certify, under oath that on _____ (date) I have sent/given a copy of this *Respondent's Answer to Petition for Child Custody and Support* to each of the following parties at the address shown:

Name	Address: U.S. mail/e-mail/fax number

Mailing Address of Respondent

This **must** be completed so the court can notify you of court dates and other proceedings in your case. This is the address the court will use to send information concerning your case to you. If you move during the time this case is pending, you **must** send a letter to the court notifying it of your new address. This address is not necessarily the same as the address at which you reside. Even if you do not wish to disclose the address at which you reside, you **must** still provide the court with a mailing address.

(Street)

_____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)

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_____ (Telephone Number with Area Code) _____ (E-mail Address - Optional)

