

# COMPLETING THE DECREE FOR PATERNITY, CUSTODY, PARENTING TIME, AND CHILD SUPPORT

Use this form to provide a proposed Decree (Order) to the court.

**You must complete the “Financial Affidavit for Child Support” and a child support calculation to give to the judge at the time of the final hearing.**

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Choose the county from the drop-down list.

Enter your full name.

Enter the name of the other party.

Enter the date the Complaint was filed.

Check the box that applies.

Enter the dates you and the other party were involved in an intimate relationship.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, NEBRASKA  
Choose the court, \_\_\_\_\_ (County where the Complaint was filed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(your full name) Plaintiff

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(case number assigned by Clerk of Court)

vs.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(spouse's full name) Defendant

**DECREE FOR PATERNITY,  
CUSTODY, PARENTING  
TIME, AND CHILD SUPPORT**

This matter came before the undersigned for hearing on the plaintiff's Complaint for Paternity, Custody, Parenting Time, and Child Support. The plaintiff appeared without the assistance of an attorney. The defendant ☐ did/ ☐ did not appear and ☐ was/ ☐ was not represented by counsel: \_\_\_\_\_ Based on a review of the file, the testimony presented, and the exhibits admitted into evidence, the court finds as follows:

1. The plaintiff filed a Complaint for Paternity, Custody, Parenting Time, and Child Support on \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The defendant:  
☐ was personally served with a copy of the Complaint on \_\_\_\_\_  
**OR**  
☐ signed a Voluntary Appearance which was filed with the court on \_\_\_\_\_
3. The defendant ☐ did/ ☐ did not file an answer to the Complaint.
4. More than 30 days have passed since service was perfected or a Voluntary Appearance was filed.
5. Prior to filing the Complaint, the minor child(ren) has/have lived in the State of Nebraska for a period of at least 6 months or since birth.
6. This court has personal jurisdiction over both parties and over the subject matter of this action and has authority to make a paternity, custody, parenting time and child support determination.
7. Between the dates of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ the plaintiff and the defendant had an intimate relationship that resulted in the birth(s) of:

Enter the case number.

The **court** will check the correct boxes in the first paragraph and complete any other information.

Check the box that applies and complete the date.\*

\*The clerk can give you the date if a Voluntary Appearance was filed.

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Check the box that identifies the role of the plaintiff.

Check the box that identifies the role of the defendant.

Check the boxes that answer the questions about insurance for you and the other party.

Check the box for the type of custody. For the first or third boxes, enter either "plaintiff" or "defendant".

\_\_\_\_\_, born in \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of child) (child's year of birth)

\_\_\_\_\_, born in \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of child) (child's year of birth)

\_\_\_\_\_, born in \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of child) (child's year of birth)

8. The plaintiff is the natural ☐ mother / ☐ father of the minor child(ren).

9. The defendant is the natural ☐ mother / ☐ father of the minor child(ren).

10. A Parenting Plan, developed by ☐ both parties ☐ plaintiff only  
(check if parties developed) (check if Plaintiff developed)

☐ the court, in accordance with the Parenting Act, is attached to this Decree  
(check if the court developed)

and incorporated herein by reference. The court finds the Parenting Plan complies with the Parenting Act and is in the best interests of the minor child.

11. The ☐ plaintiff ☐ defendant  
☐ is capable of contributing to the support of the minor child(ren).  
☐ is not capable of contributing to the support of the minor child(ren).

12. ☐ The plaintiff  
☐ does ☐ does not have health insurance available to him/her at a reasonable cost through his/her employer.

☐ The defendant  
☐ does ☐ does not have health insurance available to him/her at a reasonable cost through his/her employer.

Based on these findings, the court enters the following:  
**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** as follows:

13. The ☐ defendant ☐ plaintiff is established as the natural father of the minor child(ren).

14. Legal and physical custody:  
☐ The \_\_\_\_\_ is awarded sole legal and sole physical  
(plaintiff or defendant)  
custody of the child(ren).  
☐ The parents are awarded joint legal custody of the child(ren). Sole physical  
custody of the child(ren) is awarded to the \_\_\_\_\_  
(plaintiff or defendant)  
☐ The parties are awarded joint legal and joint physical custody of the child(ren).

Enter the name(s) of the child(ren) that resulted from the relationship and their year of birth.

Check the box that says who made the parenting plan.

Check the box for the party who will NOT have physical custody and if that person is or is not able to help support the children.

Check the box that states who the natural father is.

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Check the box that says who made the parenting plan.

The **court** will complete the rest of the information on this page.

15. A Parenting Plan, developed by ☐ both parties ☐ plaintiff only  
(check if both parties) (check if the plaintiff developed)  
☐ the court, in accordance with the Parenting Act, is attached to this Decree and  
(check if the court developed)  
incorporated herein by reference.

16. Beginning on \_\_\_\_\_ and on the first day of each subsequent month, the ☐ plaintiff / ☐ defendant shall pay child support in accordance with the Nebraska Child Support Guidelines in the amounts listed:

_____ per month for _____ children (support amount) (number of children)
_____ per month for _____ children (support amount) (number of children)
_____ per month for _____ children (support amount) (number of children)
_____ per month for one child (support amount)

☐ Child support will abate by \_\_\_\_\_ % during the month(s) of \_\_\_\_\_

A worksheet showing the calculations under the Nebraska Child Support Guidelines is attached to the Decree.

This decree shall remain in effect until the minor child(ren) reach(es) the age of 19, is emancipated, marries, dies or until further order of this court. These payments shall be made to the Child Support Payment Center, P.O. Box 82600, Lincoln, NE 68501-2600.

17. The ☐ plaintiff / ☐ defendant  
☐ is required to provide health insurance for the minor child(ren).  
☐ is not required to provide health insurance for the minor child(ren).

☐ (for sole physical custody) \_\_\_\_\_ shall pay  
(Judge will complete this blank)  
the first \$250 of reasonable and necessary health care costs per child per year.  
\_\_\_\_\_ shall pay \_\_\_\_\_ % of all non-reimbursed reasonable  
(Judge will complete this blank)  
and necessary child(ren)'s health care costs in excess of \$250 per child per year.  
☐ (for joint physical custody) Plaintiff shall pay \_\_\_\_\_ % and Defendant shall pay \_\_\_\_\_ % of all non-reimbursed reasonable and necessary child(ren)'s health care costs.

The **court** will complete the rest of the information on this page.

18. In the event that the ☐ plaintiff / ☐ defendant fails to pay any child or medical support payment and is delinquent in an amount equal to the support due and payable for a one-month period of time, that party may be required to appear in court on a date to be determined by the court and show cause why such payment was not made.  
In the event that such party fails to pay and appear as ordered, a warrant shall be issued for the arrest of that party. Such failure to pay is certified each month by the State Disbursement Unit.
19. The ☐ plaintiff / ☐ defendant shall pay  % of any childcare costs which are due to the employment of the custodial parent or to allow the custodial parent to obtain training or education necessary to obtain a job or enhance earning potential.
20. The plaintiff and the defendant shall furnish to the Clerk of the District Court their addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, names of their employers, whether or not they have access to employer-related health insurance coverage and if so, the health insurance policy information, until any judgment to pay child support is paid in full. The parties are also required to advise the clerk of any changes in such information between the time of entry of the decree and the payment of the judgment in full. Failure to comply with this section shall be punishable by contempt.
21. Delinquent child support shall accrue interest at  % per annum.
22. Each party shall pay his or her own court costs.

The **court** will sign and date the decree (order) if they approve.

Dated:

BY THE COURT:

District Court Judge