



What is Parenting Time?

Parenting Time is the time a parent spends with his or her child.

Enforcing & Modifying Parenting Time

If either parent fails to follow the parenting time order, or if an established parenting time order needs to be changed, then either parent can seek the assistance of the court. Please see the "When Parents Don't Agree" section.

Other Resources

Coalition for Court Access
indianalegalhelp.org

Parenting Time Guidelines
rules.incourts.gov/Content/parenting

Indiana Child Abuse Hotline
800-840-8757
Open 24/7 to report suspected child abuse or neglect

Indiana Department of Health
MOMS HelpLine
844-624-6667
Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. ET

Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence
800-332-7385
Open 24/7 providing for people who may be experiencing intimate partner violence

Indiana Child Support Bureau
in.gov/dcs/child-support/



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Court Order for Parenting Time



Parenting time orders can be established in a court case, such as: a paternity case, a divorce case or a guardianship involving a minor. This can be done in several ways depending on if the parents agree or not.

When Parents Agree

- Parents may file an agreement with the court that includes a parenting time plan, which represents the best interest of the child(ren).
- The agreement should specifically state the terms of the parenting time schedule and may contain provisions from the Indiana Parenting Time Guidelines.
- The parenting time plan becomes enforceable when the judge approves it.

When Parents Don't Agree

- Either party can request a hearing from the court to have a judge establish a parenting time plan that becomes enforceable when the judge issues the order.
- There may be forms that can assist parents with parenting-time conflicts or making changes to a parenting-time plan. The forms are not a substitute for legal advice. You may find it helpful to seek the advice of legal counsel before using the forms. If you choose to represent yourself, www.IndianaLegalHelp.org hosts helpful forms and resources to assist you.
- The Child Support Division of the local prosecutor's office cannot assist with establishing a parenting time plan, nor can it provide legal advice on parenting time matters. For more information on Indiana's Child Support Program, please see www.childsupport.IN.gov.

