



**CUSTODY/VISITATION
APPLICATION — PARENT**

JD-FM-161 Rev. 5-13
C.G.S. §§ 46b-56, 46b-61
P.B. §§ 25-3, 25-4, 25-5

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
SUPERIOR COURT**

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APPLVIS 	Use this docket legend when the Visitation box at the top of this form is checked.

Custody Visitation

Instructions: Check the Custody or Visitation box above and complete form. Attach Order to Attend Hearing (JD-FM-162), Notice of Automatic Court Orders (JD-FM-158), and Affidavit Concerning Children (JD-FM-164). If you are a grandparent or a third party and you want to file for visitation with the child or children, use the Verified Petition for Visitation — Grandparents & Third Parties (JD-FM-221).

Docket number

Judicial District of	At (Town)
Applicant's name (Last, first, middle initial)	Respondent's name (Last, first, middle initial)
Additional respondent's name (If applicable) (Last, first, middle initial)	

1. I am the child or children's Mother Father ("x" all of the boxes that apply if you are the father of the child or children)
- I am named as the father on the birth certificate of the child (or children)
 - A court of competent jurisdiction has adjudicated me the father
 - I have signed an acknowledgment of paternity, but my name does not appear on the birth certificate of the child (or children)
 - I am prepared to acknowledge paternity of the child (or children) before a proper authority.

2. The respondent(s) is/are the: Mother Father Grandparent Other (Specify): _____

3. I want ("x" one) custody of the child (or children) listed below:
 visitation rights with the child (or children) listed below:

Child's name (First, middle, last)	Date of birth	Name(s) of parent(s) or guardian(s) (First, middle initial, last)

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

4. Connecticut has the authority to decide this case and should decide this case because: ("x" all that apply)
- a. Connecticut is the home state of the child (or children) at the time of the filing of this case.
 - b. The child (or children) has (or have) lived in Connecticut for the past 6 months, or from birth if the child (or children) is (or are) younger than 6 months old.
 - c. The child (or children) lived in Connecticut for at least 6 months but was (or were) taken from Connecticut less than 6 months ago by a person claiming custody, and a parent or guardian continues to live here.
 - d. The child (or children) and at least one parent have a significant connection to Connecticut and there is substantial evidence in Connecticut concerning the child's (or children's) present or future care, protection, training and personal relationships.
 - e. The child (or children) is (or are) in Connecticut now and has (or have) been abandoned or there is an emergency affecting the child's (or children's) well-being.
 - f. No other state has an interest in hearing this case and it is in the best interest of the child (or children) for a Connecticut court to hear the case.

Additional Instructions:

- If you are the mother or father and want custody, go to Page 2, Number 5 and continue from there.
- If you are the mother or father and want visitation, go to Page 2, Claim For Relief section and continue from there.

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5. The applicant, respondent or any child (or children) listed has (or have) received financial support and/or HUSKY from the State of Connecticut: ("x" all that apply)

- Financial Support ("x" one) Yes No Do not know
- HUSKY Health Insurance ("x" one) Yes No Do not know

If you checked yes, send a copy of this Application, Order to Attend Hearing, Notice of Automatic Court Orders, and any other document filed with this application to the Office of the Attorney General, 55 Elm St., Hartford, CT 06106 and file the Certification of Notice (JD-FM-175) with the court clerk.

6. The applicant, respondent or any child (or children) listed has (or have) received financial support from a city or town in Connecticut:

("x" one) Yes (City or town): _____ No Do not know

If you checked yes, send a copy of this Application, Order to Attend Hearing, Notice of Automatic Court Orders, and any other document filed with this application to the City or Town Clerk of the city or town providing assistance and file the Certification of Notice (JD-FM-175) with the court clerk.

Claim For Relief

For Custody (The Applicant asks the Court for custody orders) ("x" all that apply):

Regarding Decision-making Responsibility:

- Sole legal custody
- Joint legal custody
- A parenting responsibility plan which includes a plan for the parental decision-making regarding the minor child (or children)

And

Regarding Physical Custody:

- Primary residence with: _____
- A parenting responsibility plan which includes a plan for the parental decision-making regarding the minor child (or children)

Regarding Child Support: (If custody application — includes cash medical, health insurance, health costs, health expenditures and qualifying daycare)

- Child Support
- An order for the educational support of my child (or children) for post-high school education or training under Section 46b-56c of the Connecticut General Statutes.

For Visitation (The Applicant asks the Court for visitation):

Visitation as follows: _____

Signature of Applicant or Petitioner	Print name of person signing at left	Date signed
Address		Telephone (Area code first)

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