

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE AND NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT**

JD-FM-162 Rev. 10-21  
C.G.S. §§ 46b-59, 46b-61  
P.B. §§ 25-3, 25-4

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
**SUPERIOR COURT**  
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**Instructions to the Applicant/Petitioner (the person starting this case):**

1. Fill out the top part of this form with the court information and the name and address information for the Applicant/Petitioner and the Respondent.
2. Attach this form to a completed Custody/Visitation Application – Parent (JD-FM-161) or Verified Petition for Visitation – Grandparents & Third Parties (JD-FM-221).
3. Submit both completed forms along with an Appearance, form JD-CL-12 that includes a current, valid e-mail address, and the proper fee to the Court Clerk's Office.

Judicial District of	At (Town)	Docket number
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Address of court (Number, street, city)

Applicant's or Petitioner's name (Last, first, middle initial)	Address (Number, street, town, zip code)
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Applicant's or Petitioner's E-mail address

Respondent's name (Last, first, middle initial)	Address (Number, street, town, zip code)
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**Order to Show Cause and Notice to the Respondent (Read this carefully!)**

The attached Application or Petition asks for custody of or visitation with a child or children.

In order to decide whether to grant the Application or Petition, the Court orders you to participate in a **Resolution Plan Date** on the date and at the time and location listed below. At the Resolution Plan Date, you will talk to Family Services about this case and explain why the Court should not grant the relief that the Applicant or Petitioner has requested. If you have an attorney, and they have filed an Appearance form by the Resolution Plan Date, your attorney must also participate. A Judge will then hold a hearing to consider any agreement that Family Services helps you reach with the Applicant or Petitioner in this case or will issue scheduling or other appropriate orders.

Date of Resolution Plan Date	Time of Resolution Plan Date	Address of court (Number, street, city)
Signed (Assistant Clerk)		Date signed

**Order for Applicant/Petitioner to Give Notice**

The Court also orders the Applicant/Petitioner to **give notice to the Respondent of the Application/Petition and of the date and time of the Resolution Plan Date** by having a true and attested copy of the Application/Petition and any attachments, the Notice of Automatic Orders, and this Order to Show Cause served on the Respondent by any proper officer at least **12 days** before the date of the Resolution Plan Date. Proof of service must be made to this court at least **6 days** before the date of the Resolution Plan Date.

**TO ANY PROPER OFFICER:**

**By Authority of the State of Connecticut**, you must serve a true and attested copy of this Order to Show Cause, the Application or Petition, and the Notice of Automatic Court Orders on the respondent at least **12 days** before the scheduled hearing date listed above and file proof of service with this Court at least **6 days** before the scheduled Resolution Plan Date.

**Return of Service**

I left a true and attested copy of the Application or Petition, Notice of Automatic Court Orders, and Order to Show Cause

- personally with the respondent.
- at the current home of the respondent at (Number, street, town or city):

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The original Application or Petition and Notice of Automatic Court Orders are attached.

Signed (State Marshal, proper officer)	Title of signer	Travel
County	Date of service	Total

Fees	
Copy	
Endorsement	
Service	
Travel	
Total	