

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
FAMILY DIVISION**

Petitioner ,  
vs. Case Number:

Respondent .

**PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF A  
CUSTODY ORDER**

Filed on Behalf of:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

## **NOTICE TO DEFEND**

\_\_\_\_\_ You, (respondent), have been sued in court to modify  
sole physical custody ☐ primary physical custody ☐ shared physical custody ☐  
partial physical custody ☐ supervised physical custody ☐ sole legal custody ☐ shared  
legal custody of the child(ren). If you fail to appear as provided by this notice, an order  
for custody be entered against you or the court may issue a warrant for your arrest.

You must file with the court a verification regarding any criminal record or abuse history  
regarding you and anyone living in your household on or before the initial in-person  
contact with the court but not later than 30 days after service of the complaint or  
petition.

No party may make a change in the residence of any child which significantly impairs  
the ability of the other party to exercise custodial rights without first complying with the  
applicable provisions of 23 Pa.C.S. §5337 and P.a.R.C.P. No. 1915.17 regarding  
relocation.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS SET OF PAPERS TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU  
DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER OR CANNOT AFFORD ONE, YOU MAY CONTACT THE  
OFFICE BELOW TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU CAN RECEIVE LEGAL HELP.

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comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. For information about accessible  
facilities and reasonable accommodations available to disabled individuals having  
business before the court, please contact our office. All arrangements must be made at  
least 72 hours prior to any hearing or business before the Family Division. You must  
attend the scheduled hearing.

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1. Petitioner is \_\_\_\_\_ and resides at \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Respondent is \_\_\_\_\_ and resides at \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Petitioner respectfully represents that on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, (date)  
an Order of Court was entered for ☐ shared legal custody ☐ sole legal custody  
☐ partial physical custody ☐ primary physical custody ☐ shared physical  
custody ☐ sole physical custody ☐ supervised physical custody. A true and  
correct copy of the Order is attached.
5. Petitioner is seeking (check all that apply): ☐ modification to shared legal custody  
☐ modification to sole legal custody ☐ modification to primary physical custody  
☐ modification to shared physical custody ☐ modification to sole physical custody  
☐ modification to supervised physical custody.
6. This Order should be modified because:

7. Petitioner has attached the Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification form required pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. No. 1915.3-2.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that the Court modify the existing Order because it will be in the best interest of the child(ren).

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Attorney for Petitioner/Petitioner

I verify that the statements made in this Petition are true and correct. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.A. §4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date

Petitioner's signature

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

I verify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

Submitted by:

Signature:

Name:

Attorney No.:

(if applicable)