

How to use I-CAN! to Create Paternity Petition Forms



Follow these steps

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1. Select your language preference, video preference and then select the Module you want to complete.
 2. The next screen will give you a description of the module. Click "Next" and then choose "Create a username and password".
 3. At the end of the tutorial and disclaimer, enter your first and last name and click "Next". I-CAN! will create a unique password for you. Be sure to print or save the PDF file with your password so you can re-enter if there are any disruptions.
 4. If you want to re-enter a module using a user you have created, select "Log in with my password" and then enter in your password. You will be taken back to the module with your responses already filled in.

What does I-CAN! do?

I-CAN! will fill out the forms for you by asking you simple questions and putting your answers on the court forms in the correct place. I-CAN! will print all of the forms that are necessary for your individual situation. I-CAN! will also print instructions to tell you what to do with your forms, and how the court process works.

Who can use the Paternity Petition module?

CA Paternity Petition

Users

- A user who wants to claim that they (or someone else) is a parent of a child or children
- A user responding to a Paternity Petition

Paternity Petition is used to ask the court to legally establish the parent of a child. You can use I-CAN!TM if you want to establish that you or someone else is the parent of your child so that you can ask for child support, custody or visitation. If you want to respond to a Paternity Petition, you can also use I-CAN!TM to complete your forms.

How to go through the Paternity Petition module

Enter the following information

User Scenario 1: Mother of the child, who wants the court to declare that a person is the father of the child.

1. Your name is Rhonda Michaels and your phone number is 111-222-3333. Your address is 666 Weeble Ave., Weeville, California, 66666. You are the mother.
2. The name of the other parent is James Johnson. He lives in California. You and James Johnson are not expecting a child right now.
3. The child's name is Star Michaels. The child is a female and she was born on 10/10/1994 at Weeville, California. Star is currently 14 years old. You do not have another child with James Johnson.
4. The child's current address is 666 Weeble Ave., Weeville, California, 66666. This address is not confidential and only you and this child live at this address. The child moved back to this address on 10/10/1994.
5. The child has lived at that address for the last 5 years and there is no one else that has physical custody or claims to have custody or visitation rights with Star. There are no court cases that involve the children or affect their lives.
6. There are no current domestic violence restraining/protective orders that involve the children.
7. You want the court to declare that James Johnson is the parent of Star. You do not know if the father signed the form.
8. You do not want Star's last name changed.
9. Neither you nor James are receiving public assistance for the child.
10. James Johnson should have paid for the \$1000 you paid to St. Jude Hospital to give birth to Star.
11. James Johnson has not paid his share of support.
12. You want to include child custody and visitation in your case. You want you and Johnson to have joint legal custody of the child but you want to have physical custody of the child. You want James to have reasonable visitation.
13. You want James Johnson to pay for your Lawyer's Fees, out-of-pocket expenses and other case fees.
14. The children live in Mono County and you filed the case at the Court County of Mono.

Variations to try: Change the case so that the user wants to declare that he is the father so he can ask for joint custody and visitation.

Scenario 2: The alleged father responding to a paternity claim.

1. Your name is John Smith. Your name is spelled correctly on the forms and your phone number is 444-666-8888.
2. Your address is 2222 Grande Rd., Smallville, CA, 33333.
3. You are not certain if you are the father of the children.
4. You live in California.
5. The petitioner's name is Jane Roe. Jane Roe is the mother of the child. There is no other child in this case that is not born yet.
6. The first child's name is James Roe. He is a boy and he was born on 06/20/2004 in Smallville, California. He is currently 4 years old.
7. There is another child included in this case. The child's name is Justin Roe. He is a boy and he was born on 06/20/2001 in Smallville, California. Justin is currently 7 years old.
8. There is no other child included in this case.
9. The children's current address is 8888 Tiny Ave., Smallville, CA, 77777. This address is not confidential and the children live at this address with someone else. The children moved to this address on 06/27/2001.
10. The children live with Jane Roe and she is the mother. The children have lived at that address for the past 5 years.
11. There is no other person who has physical custody or claims to have custody or visitation rights with the children.
12. There are no court cases that involve the children or affect their lives. There are no current domestic violence restraining/protective orders that involve a child in this case. The children live in the county where the papers were filed.
13. The children's father did not sign the form. The children's father has not been established in another case.
14. Neither you nor Jane Roe is receiving any public assistance.
15. You want the court to declare you are the parent of the children. You want to request genetic tests to determine parentage and you want them to test you.
16. You want to include child custody and visitation orders. You want both parents to have legal custody of the children. You want both parents to have physical custody of the children and you want Jane Roe to have primary custody of the children. You want court-ordered visitation with your children. You want the last names of the children to be changed to Smith.
17. You do not want to pay for reasonable expenses of pregnancy and birth. You want both parents to pay for attorney and court fees. You do not want any other orders.
18. The children live in Alameda County. The petitioner filed in the Court County of Alameda.

Variations to try: Change the case so that the user is the mother responding to a claim that John Smith is the Father. She is unsure and she wants a genetic test.