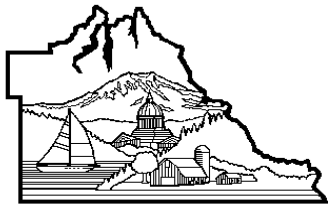


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# **RELATIVE VISITATION**

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- ✓ You Want to Petition Court for Court-Ordered time with a child who is a relative with whom you have had a substantial relationship



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## **HOW TO FILE A RELATIVE VISITATION ACTION CHECKLIST**

**Use the forms and instructions in this packet only if the following factors apply to your situation:**

- You want to request visitation with a child who is a relative with whom you have had a substantial relationship.
- Relatives include persons related to the child by blood, legal adoption, step and half siblings, and the spouses and relatives of the relatives. Relatives also include extended family members recognized by an Indian child's tribal law and customs. A person whose parental rights have been terminated, relinquished, or determined not to exist is not a relative with respect to a child who is the subject of a petition under the act.
- The child and relative's interaction, companionship, mutual interests, and affection forms and sustains an ongoing and substantial relationship. The relative and child must share the expectation and desire for an ongoing relationship. The relationship must have substantial continuity for at least two years, or, if the child is under age two, for at least half of the child's life.

**READ ME:** It is very important for you to know that when you sign a court document, you may be helping or hurting your court case. Before you sign any court document or get involved with a court case, it is important that you carefully read the document to make sure you are doing the right thing. You may also want to contact a lawyer for legal advice and help with those issues you do not understand. If you need help with the forms, procedures and rules of the court, there is a Family Court Facilitator available to assist you.