

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SERVING AND FILING YOUR  
FORMS JV 180, JV 183, JV 184**

**FILING WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF  
THE JUVENILE COURT**

*If you do not have an attorney, the clerk will send notice and copies of your request to all persons required to receive notice under Welfare and Institutions Code sections 297 and 380, and rules 1407 and 1432 of the California Rules of Court.*

**Make copies**

Caregivers should make **8** or more copies of the completed JV-180 form and any attachments.

**If you choose to file the form in person:**

Bring the original form and the recommended **8** copies to the court clerk's office at the courthouse where the hearing will be held.

Ask the clerk to file the form for you. Refer the Clerk to the JV 180 form, page 3, language enclosed in text box above, that requires Clerk to file and serve for you.

Keep one copy of the date-stamped form for yourself. The clerk is responsible for providing the form to all parties and completing and filing the proof of service form.

**If you choose to file the form by mail:**

Mail the original form and all but one of the copies to the court clerk's office at the courthouse where the hearing will be held. Include a self-addressed envelope and a note indicating "For filing and service" and include the case number. The clerk is responsible for providing the form to all parties and completing and filing the proof of service form.