

GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING JV 295, 296 and 297

DE FACTO PARENT REQUEST FORM JV 295 INSTRUCTIONS

- Fill out all requested information
- If you are applying as a couple, be sure to include both names and signatures under section #2.
- Include attorney's name, signature and address only if you, the foster parent, have retained an attorney.

DE FACTO PARENT STATEMENT FORM JV 296 INSTRUCTIONS

- Provide all information requested in sections #1-5
- In section #6, you want to send the clear message that your relationship with this child must be protected!
 - Be specific and attach additional pages if needed.
 - In section #6(c), provide detailed information about your child's needs. Be specific about what your child's day to day needs look like, i.e., eating peculiarities, sleep habits, fears or phobias. Be specific about the time, skills and dedication you render to meet those needs.
 - Include information about your relationships with the professionals involved with your child, i.e., medical doctors, therapists, teachers, tutors, etc.
- In section #7, be sure to date and sign. If filing as a couple, include both signatures.

DE FACTO PARENT ORDER FORM JV 297 INSTRUCTIONS

- This form will reflect the judge's decision and order. The judge or clerk will fill it out.
- At the top of the form, provide your name(s), and child's name ONLY