

Maintaining County Worksheet

Maintaining County Guiding Principles/Goals Checklist:

- Limit the number of orders per family.
- One county maintains all cases involving same parties (CP, NCP, kids, relative caretakers).
- Avoid unnecessary venue changes.
- Use legal analysis to identify and prioritize options consistent with these guiding principles to achieve the best results for the particular case.
- If a case may be properly venued in two counties, consider the county providing public assistance and/or the county where the child resides.
- Provide effective customer service.
- Seek agreement through communication and compromise.
- Uniformity in analyzing and resolving maintaining county issues

In which county are all of the relevant parties/entities?

- CP – *County* _____
- NCP – *County* _____
- Child(ren) – *County* _____
- Relative Caretaker – *County* _____
- Fostercare – *County* _____

Is there an original order establishing support (if support is reserved, is it reserved or truly a \$0.00 order – Generally: if reserved, then mark “no”, if truly a \$0.00 order, then mark “yes”)?

- Yes
- No

If yes, from which county? _____

If yes, what kind of order is it? Check one:

- J&D for Dissolution of Marriage
- J&D for Legal Separation
- Temporary Dissolution/Legal Separation Order
- Paternity Adjudication Order
- § 256.87 Establishment Order
- Order Establishing Custody and Parenting Time
- Order for Protection/Domestic Abuse Order
- Other (please list) _____

Is a legal action necessary?

If yes, can the original county effectively do the legal action?

- Yes
- No

If yes, can another county effectively do the legal action?

- Yes
- No

If yes – which county or counties have personal jurisdiction over the parties and venue?

- County A –
 - Personal Jurisdiction over: _____
 - Venue: _____
- County B –
 - Personal Jurisdiction over: _____
 - Venue: _____
- County C –
 - Personal Jurisdiction over: _____
 - Venue: _____
- County D –
 - Personal Jurisdiction over: _____
 - Venue: _____

Is a change of venue appropriate?

- Yes – Why? _____
- No – Why not? _____
- Has the County Attorney from each county been involved in the change of venue decision? If not, get both involved.

Which county or counties can maintain? Circle all that apply:

- County A
- County B
- County C
- County D

Which county should maintain? Circle one:

- County A
- County B
- County C
- County D

Support for your decision: _____

Other County's rationale: _____
