

STEPS IN THE CUSTODY PROCESS AND OPTINS FOR FILINGS

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A CUSTODY CASE (NO PREVIOUS CUSTODY ORDER)

OPTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- A. **Custody Agreement** – (See **Form 1** with instructions)
When there is the possibility of a custody agreement
1. There is a filing fee of **\$132.00** paid to the Blair County Prothonotary Office
 2. There are no further steps in the process
- B. **Custody Complaint** – (See **Form 2** with instructions)
When there is no agreement on the custody
1. There is a filing fee of **\$139.00** paid to Blair County Prothonotary Office.
 2. You must attach the **Custody Scheduling Order** to the **Custody Complaint** (See **Form 3** with instructions)
 3. **BOTH** parties must attend the **mandatory Custody Education Program** (see Brochure/ **Form 5**)
 4. **BOTH** parties must attend the **Custody Intake Conference** scheduled by the Custody Office

Note: If you are unable to afford the filing fee you may request a waiver by filing an **In Forma Pauperis** form (**Form 4**)

IF YOU HAVE A CUSTODY ORDER

OPTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- A. **Custody agreement** – (See **Form 1** with instructions)
When there is an agreement on changing the custody Order
1. There is no filing fee for an agreement on an existing Case.
 2. There is no further action needed.
- B. **Petition for Modification** - (See **Form 6** with instructions)
When you are requesting a change in the Custody Order
1. There is a filing fee of **\$44.00** paid to Blair County Prothonotary.
 2. This petition will be scheduled for a conference.
- C. **Petition for Contempt** – (See **Form 7** with instructions)
When you are alleging a violation and requesting enforcement of the custody order.
1. There is no filing fee for this petition.
 2. This petition will be scheduled with a judge for a hearing.