

STEPS IN THE CUSTODY PROCESS AND OPTIONS 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 the Blair County Prothonotary Office.
2. You must attach the **Custody Scheduling Order** to the
3. Custody Complaint (See **Form 3** with instructions)
4. BOTH PARTIES and children ages 6 – 17 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 not able to afford the filing fee you may request a waiver by filing an **In Forma Pauperis** Form (**Form 4**)

IF YOU HAVE A CUSTODY COURT 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 the 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