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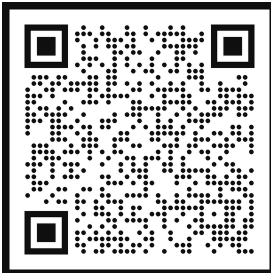
Do I get parenting time with my child if I sign a paternity affidavit?

Parenting time starts when the parents sign a paternity affidavit. A paternity affidavit can be signed by the parents in the hospital after the child is born or at the local health department. A paternity affidavit gives the non-custodial parent the right to exercise parenting time under the Indiana Parenting Time Guidelines. For more information about paternity establishment by paternity affidavit, please see <https://www.in.gov/dcs/child-support/about-us/paternity/>

Indiana Parenting Time HelpLine

Monday through Friday
11 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET
Pthelpline@dcs.IN.gov

<https://www.in.gov/dcs/child-support/parenting-time-hotline>



Other Resources

Coalition for Court Access

<https://www.indianalegalhelp.org>

Parenting Time Guidelines

<https://www.in.gov/courts/rules/parenting/index.html>

Indiana Child Abuse Hotline

800-840-8757

Toll-free 24 hours a day, seven days a week to report suspected child abuse or neglect

Indiana Department of Health-MOMS HelpLine

844-624-6667

Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. ET

Provides information and referrals on a variety of topics

Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

800-332-7385

Toll-free 24-hour hotline providing emotional and practical support for people who may be experiencing intimate partner violence.

Indiana Child Support Bureau

www.childsupport.IN.gov



Indiana Child Support Bureau Parenting Time HelpLine FAQ

Understanding the HelpLine

The Parenting Time HelpLine is a service of the Indiana Department of Child Services Child Support Bureau.

The HelpLine is staffed by licensed Indiana attorneys who provide legal education and information about parenting time in Indiana. The HelpLine's services are free.

HelpLine Attorneys:

- Cannot give legal advice on a child's case
- Cannot represent your child in court
- Cannot discuss your child's case, DCS case or custody matters



Q1

At what age can the child make decisions regarding parenting time?

Parenting time applies to children of all ages, including adolescents and teenagers. Children do not make parenting time decisions or decide whether it should take place.

Q2

What if the child doesn't want to go with the other parent?

If a child is hesitant to participate in the parenting time, parents are still to comply with the parenting time. If a parent believes that a child's safety is compromised in the care of the other parent, that parent should take steps to protect the child, but must recognize the rights of the other parent.

Q3

Where can I find help in making a parenting time plan?

Indiana has established the Indiana Parenting Time Guidelines as a model for ensuring children have frequent meaningful and continuing contact with each parent. The guidelines can help parents make a parenting time plan that is best suited for their family dynamic. Find the guidelines at <https://www.in.gov/courts/rules/parenting/index.html>

Q4

Will the Child Support Division of the local prosecutor office help enforce my parenting time?

No. They cannot help with parenting time, nor can they provide legal advice on parenting time matters. The Child Support Division is required to assist parents locating non-custodial parents, establishing paternity, establishing child support and medical support orders, and enforcing payment of child support.

