

JOINT PETITION FOR ADOPTION
BY STEPPARENT

- 12.928 Cover Sheet for Family Court Cases
- 12.900 (h) Notice of Related Cases
- 12.981 (b) (1) Joint Petition for Adoption by Stepparent
- 12.981 (b) (2) Final Judgment of Stepparent Adoption (write DOB _/_/_ for Date of Birth under New Name)
- 12.902 (d) Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Affidavit
- 12.981 (a) (5) Indian Welfare Act Affidavit
- 12.981 (a) (2) Consent of Adoptee (use only if the Child is over the age of 12)
- 12.981 (a) (1) Consent and Waiver by Parent (signed in presence of notary and 2 witnesses)

A certified copy of the child's birth certificate

If the other party does not consent to the Stepparent Adoption you must serve the party by Sheriff with legal papers notifying the party of the court filing. If the other party is out of state you must at the time of filing provide the Clerk with the address of the County Sheriff where the other party lives and the fee charged by that sheriff's office for the service of papers.

In the case of no address for the other parent you will need a Notice of Action and

- 12.981 (a) (4) Stepparent Adoption: Affidavit of Diligent Search (follow the instructions on the forms and/or consult an attorney and/or call the local self help staff)

These forms are available at www.flcourts.org or at the Customer Service Counter Window # 1 for a fee. Include 4 Self Addressed Stamped Envelopes, 2 addressed to you and 2 to other party.