

**THIRTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MICHIGAN
OFFICE OF FRIEND OF THE COURT**

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**REQUEST TO RE-OPEN
FRIEND OF THE COURT CASE**

Parties who have opted out of Friend of the Court Services may change their mind. If either party requests services from the Friend of the Court, or applied for public assistance, the Friend of the Court is required to open (re-open) its case.

PROCEDURE

Either party at any time may request to re-open their Friend of the Court case by completing and submitting the following forms to the Friend of the Court:

- a. Form FOC 104, Request to Re-Open Friend of the Court Case, **AND**
- b. Form FOC 23, Verified Statement, **AND**
- c. Form DHS-1201D, Application for IV-D Support Services.

A copy of Form 104, Request to Re-Open Friend of the Court Case, must be mailed to the other party's last known address and the original is filed with the Court by the party requesting to re-open. The case will be re-opened once the Friend of the Court receives all three forms. The other party cannot object to the case being opened.

NOTE: When parties opt out of Friend of the Court, they may have a support order that does not satisfy the statutory requirements. If the court order does not contain a provision that is required by either the Friend of the Court Act, the Support and Parenting Time Enforcement Act, or court rule, upon opening or reopening an FOC case file, the court must issue an order or amended order that includes the statutory provisions. The Order Exempting Case from Friend of the Court Services provides that these new orders can be entered as ExParte.

Please also note that any dispute about support payments made during the time the case was not a Friend of the Court case must be addressed by filing a motion with the court since the Friend of the Court has no record or any evidence of the payment made directly between the parties.

*****ALL REQUIRED FORMS ARE ATTACHED TO THIS INSTRUCTION SHEET*****

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY**

**REQUEST TO REOPEN
FRIEND OF THE COURT CASE**

CASE NO.

Court address

Court telephone no.

Plaintiff's name, address, and telephone no.

Defendant's name, address, and telephone no.

v

Attorney:

Attorney:

On _____ an order was entered exempting this case from friend of the court services.
Date

I REQUEST that the friend of the court case be reopened upon filing this request with the friend of the court office.

I have attached a completed Verified Statement (form FOC 23) and a completed Application for Title IV-D Child Support Services (form DHS 1201-D).

Date

Signature

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on this date I served a copy of this request on the friend of the court and on the parties or their attorneys by first-class mail addressed to their last-known addresses as defined in MCR 3.203.

Date

Signature

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY		VERIFIED STATEMENT				CASE NO.	
1. Parent's last name			First name		Middle name		2. Any other names by which parent is or has been known
3. Date of birth			4. Social security number			5. Driver's license number and state	
6. Mailing address and residence address (if different)							
7. E-mail address							
8. Eye color		9. Hair color	10. Height	11. Weight	12. Race	13. Gender	14. Scars, tattoos, etc.
15. Home telephone no.		16. Work telephone no.		17. Occupation			
18. Business/Employer's name and address						19. Gross weekly income	
20. Did this parent apply for or receive public assistance? If yes, please specify kind and case number. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No							
21. Other parent's last name			First name		Middle name		22. Any other names by which parent is or has been known
23. Date of birth			24. Social security number			25. Driver's license number and state	
26. Mailing address and residence address (if different)							
27. E-mail address							
28. Eye color		29. Hair color	30. Height	31. Weight	32. Race	33. Gender	34. Scars, tattoos, etc.
35. Home telephone no.		36. Work telephone no.		37. Occupation			
38. Business/Employer's name and address						39. Gross weekly income	
40. Did this parent apply for or receive public assistance? If yes, please specify kind and case number. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No							
41. a. Name and sex of minor child in case		M / F	b. Birth date	c. Age	d. Soc. sec. no.	e. Residential address	
42. a. Name and sex of other minor child of either party		M / F	b. Birth date	c. Age	d. Residential address		
43. Health care coverage available for each minor child							
a. Name of minor child		b. Name of policy holder		c. Name of insurance co./HMO		d. Policy/Certificate/Contract/Group no.	
44. Name(s) and address(es) of person(s) other than parties, if any, who may have custody of child(ren) during pendency of this case.							

I declare that the statements above are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

Date

Signature

If any of the public assistance information above changes before your judgment is entered, you are required to give the friend of the court written notice of the change. If you want child support services, complete form DHS 1201-D, available at your local friend of the court office or courts.mi.gov/Administration/SCAO/Forms/courtforms/domesticrelations/generalfoc/dhs1201d.pdf

APPLICATION FOR IV-D CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

(For Privately Filed Domestic Relations Cases Only)

State of Michigan
Friend of the Court

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY		
App Request Date	App Returned Date	IV-D Case Number

Instructions: This is an application for IV-D child support services, and is intended only for parents filing a domestic relations case (divorce, annulment, separate maintenance, paternity, or custody) on their own or through their own attorney. This form is not intended for people without children or those who are not a party to a domestic relations case. This application is designed to be used with a Verified Statement, Judgment Information Form, or other similar court form.

AUTHORITY: 45 Code of Federal Regulations 302.33. **Completion of this application for IV-D child support services is voluntary.**

Domestic Relations Filing/Docket Number (if available)	Who does the child(ren) live with most of the time? (This information is used for administrative purposes only and has no impact on any pending custody hearings.)
What is your relationship to the child(ren) for whom you are applying for child support services? <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Both

A. Mother's Information

Mother's Name (First, Middle, Last)	Mother's Social Security Number
Mother's Mailing Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)	Mother's Telephone Number

B. Father's Information

Father's Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)	Father's Social Security Number
Father's Mailing Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)	Father's Telephone Number

C. Family Violence Disclosure

I believe that disclosure of my address or other identifying information may result in physical or emotional harm to me or the child(ren). If yes, additional information will be requested by Friend of the Court staff.

Yes No

D. Acknowledgement for Child Support Recipient

If I am sent money in error or overpaid, the Michigan IV-D child support program will take action to correct this error. By checking the "yes" box below, I give the IV-D program permission to pay back the error or overpayment by keeping 25% (or otherwise as directed below) from my future child support payments. If I later change my mind, I must contact the Friend of the Court office. Failure to check "yes" has no effect on my eligibility for IV-D child support services.

Yes (Check one if different than 25%) 10% 50%

No, please contact me before you try to recover an amount from my support payments.

E. Acknowledgement for Applicant

I understand that I must provide my Social Security number pursuant to the Social Security Act, 42 USC 66(a)(13), in order for Michigan's child support program to provide services.

I have received or have had an opportunity to review a copy of DHS-Pub-748, *Understanding Child Support: A Handbook for Parents*, at www.michigan.gov/childsupport in the Popular Forms section. I understand that I can also ask for a printed copy from the Friend of the Court.

I request child support services available under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act for the child(ren) listed in my domestic relations court filing (refer to DHS-Pub-748 for a list of available services).

Applicant or Attorney of Record Signature (Signature is required) Applicant or Attorney of Record Printed Name Date

If signed by an attorney, (s)he is acting on behalf of _____
Printed Name (Required)

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) does not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, religion, age, national origin, color, height, weight, marital status, genetic information, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, political beliefs or disability.

Return this completed application to your local Friend of the Court Office.