

INSTRUCTIONS ON CHANGING THE DATE OF YOUR COURT HEARING IF YOUR CUSTODY COUNSELING APPOINTMENT IS SCHEDULED AFTER YOUR HEARING

**NOTE: THIS PROCEDURE IS NOT AVAILABLE IF THERE IS A
RESTRAINING ORDER IN YOUR CASE.**

If your custody counseling appointment is scheduled after your court hearing, the judge will not have the benefit of the custody counselor's input at the hearing. If both parents agree to change the hearing date, you may be able to get a hearing date after your custody counseling appointment. If you are represented by an attorney, please contact your attorney to determine what to do next.

If you are not represented by an attorney and want to get a hearing date after your custody counseling appointment, then follow these steps as soon as you are given the date of your custody counseling appointment:

- Complete this form. Each party must sign the form and write their mailing address. If you need help completing this form, come to the Help Desk in the lobby of the Family Law Center for assistance.

- File the completed, signed form with the Court in person, or you can mail it to: Spinetta Family Law Center, 751 Pine Street, Martinez, CA 94553, ATTENTION: Legal Processing. If you choose to mail the form, you must also include two stamped envelopes, one addressed to you and one addressed to the other party. The court will use those envelopes to mail copies of the form to the parties after the judge has signed it and a new court date is selected. There is no court fee for filing this form.