

STATE OF INDIANA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF ELKHART )

IN THE ELKHART SUPERIOR COURT 6

CASE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

IN RE THE PATERNITY OF: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of the Person Filing

Select One:  Mother  Father  Putative Father  Other \_\_\_\_\_

And

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of the Other Person

Select One:  Mother  Father  Putative Father  Other \_\_\_\_\_

### SUMMONS PATERNITY

To: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Person Being Served Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

This is a case to determine Paternity. If found, then custody, parenting time, child support and other related expenses of the child will be determined.

If you do not respond to this Summons, that is, if you do not file a written appearance with the Court, an Answer or other responsive pleading, these issues will be determined after 23 days.

Both Parties are required to follow the Family Court Local Rules 400 Series. You should read the entire set of Rules found at <https://elkhartcounty.com/en/government/courts/> under Local Rules. A five-page Highlight Summary is required to be attached to this Summons, but a full reading of those Rules is highly recommended.

The Elkhart County Family Court expects cooperation and communication, especially when children are involved. It is best if you and the other parent can work out as many agreements as possible prior to your first appearance in court. If you and the other parent are unable to work together, expect to attend a Problem-Solving Settlement Conference within 45 to 60 days of receiving this Summons, unless otherwise waived by the Court; or, within 45 to 60 days of adjudication of paternity.

If the parties signed a Paternity Affidavit at the time of the child's birth, paternity has been established. If the Petition is seeking child support you are required to provide evidence of your weekly

gross income (your pay before any deductions) and documents to verify year-to-date income (pay stub or employer statement) and your last income tax return, including all W-2s, 1099s and all accompanying schedules. There should be a Subpoena attached with the specific financial information that is essential to making these decisions.

You are highly encouraged to attain an attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney, there is a list of free or low cost attorney programs in the Family Law Highlight Summary attached to this Summons.

Hearing has been set for \_\_\_\_\_.

This Summons Issued by the Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Clerk of the Court, Elkhart County, Indiana

Contact information for Attorney for Filer: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following manner of service is requested:  Registered Mail  Certified Mail  Sheriff  
 E-Service per Trial Rule 86  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

SERVICE ACKNOWLEDGED

I hereby acknowledge that I received a copy of this Summons and copies of the designated documents at  
\_\_\_\_\_, Indiana, on this date, \_\_\_\_\_,  
20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Select:  Putative Father  Father  Mother  Other)

Return of Service Information: