

PETITIONER'S CONSENT

1. I have been advised by the New York City Law Department (hereinafter Law Department) that the filing and processing of an interstate support action can be a very lengthy process.
2. I understand that the Law Department cannot predict how long my individual case will take to completion. I understand that, although the average length of time for a case to result in an order of support or the registration of an existing order may be anywhere from 6 months to 1 year, the actual time period can be shorter or longer.
3. I understand that the Law Department is the initiating IV-D agency that will monitor my case after it is forwarded to the responding IV-D jurisdiction. I have been advised that the Law Department will monitor my case on a regular basis by communicating with the responding IV-D jurisdiction. I have also been advised by the Law Department that the best way for me to regularly monitor my case is to call the assigned caseworker at the Law Department every 4 to 6 weeks.
4. I understand that the lack of response on the part of the responding IV-D jurisdiction is not the fault of the Law Department and that the Law Department has absolutely no control over the schedules and procedures of the responding IV-D jurisdictions.
5. I have been advised that I am not represented by an attorney at the Law Department.
6. I have been advised by the Law Department that the responding IV-D jurisdictions will not accept contact directly from me but will only communicate with the Law Department.
7. I understand that the responding IV-D jurisdiction may request additional or updated information from me. This may occur a number of times during the pendency of the proceeding. For example, I may be required to submit financial information including but not limited to pay stubs, tax returns, and W-2 statements on more than one occasion.
8. I understand that it is my responsibility to cooperate and provide requested information to the Law Department so that they may submit this information to the responding IV-D jurisdiction in a timely manner. I understand that my case may be dismissed if I do not provide the requested information within the requested timeframe.
9. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to obtain or provide certified copies of documents, if necessary.
10. I have been advised that the Order of Support will be determined in accordance with the laws of the state where my matter is pending. I have further been advised that the state that enters the order of support will determine the age of emancipation, which may not be modified.

11. If I am registering an order of support for enforcement, I understand that under the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA), the responding IV-D jurisdiction may not modify my order except under very limited circumstances.
12. I understand that I may close my interstate case at any time. I have been advised by the Law Department that in order to close my case, I must come in person to the Law Department requesting that my case be closed. I understand that by closing my case I will no longer have the services of the Law Department.
13. I understand that an existing order will continue until a court of law acts upon a petition to terminate the order of support or until termination occurs by operation of law.
14. I have been advised by the Law Department that, if, the respondent moves to another state, after my case is filed, I may be required to refile my case in the respondent's new home state.
15. Please check and initial if applicable: _____
I have been advised that I may be able to pursue a local child support case by filing a long arm petition in a New York City court. However, I have decided to proceed with a petition filed through the interstate process under UIFSA.

DATE: _____

Signature

Sworn to before me this

_____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public / Commissioner of Deeds