

Family Law: Adoption Forms

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Family Law Adoptions



New form for
stepparent adoptions



Information Sheet

Role of Self-Help Centers in Adoptions Cases

- Navigate self-represented litigants through the adoptions process
- Provide legal information and help fill out paperwork correctly
- Ensure language access and improve access to justice for all litigants
- Increase judicial economy

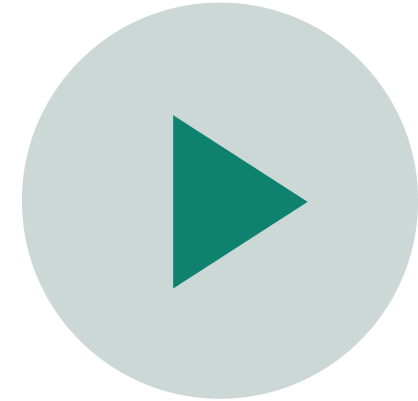
Improve Access to Justice: User-Friendly Rules and Forms Program



PLAIN LANGUAGE
TERMINOLOGY



SERVE MORE LITIGANTS AND
DECREASE WAIT TIMES



PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION
BEGAN IN 2024

Outreach



Post-Comment Results

- New *Stepparent Adoption Request* (form ADOPT-203)
- Extensive changes to *How to Adopt a Child in California* (form ADOPT-050-INFO)
- Change and simplify six forms

Many Types of Families

- Stepparent adoptions: when a stepparent becomes a legal parent
- Law recognizes emotional ties, not just genetic bonds

A photograph of a family walking away from the camera in a grassy field during sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. A young girl in a blue sweater and a pink tutu is holding hands with two adults, one on each side. The scene is peaceful and evokes a sense of family and care.

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