

Seeking Custody of or Support for a Child or Children?

First, answer this Question: Are the parents of the child married to each other?

1. If No, to the best of your knowledge, and never were married to each other - **Juvenile Court Division of the Common Pleas Court** can help you. You will need to file a complaint for custody or child support with the Juvenile Court on the second floor of the courthouse at 101 East High Avenue, New Philadelphia. See their website <http://www.co.tuscarawas.oh.us/courts/about-juvenile-court> for instructions and a set of forms for parents and nonparents to use. The filing fee is \$90.00. These forms need to be typed, not hand written or the court will not accept them.

2. If No, to the best of your knowledge, but the parents **used to be married** to each other, and were divorced or got a dissolution from our local court, then the filing needs to be filed in that court, the **Common Pleas** court described below. If they were divorced or got a dissolution in another court, seek legal advice as to where to file.

3. If Yes, to the best of your knowledge, **Common Pleas General Division** can help you. You will need to file a complaint for custody or child support with the Common Pleas General Division at the Clerk of Courts office on the second floor of the County Office Building at 125 East High Avenue, New Philadelphia. The Clerk's phone number is 330-365-3243. There will be a filing fee of \$350.00.

See this court's website at <http://www.co.tuscarawas.oh.us/Courts/find-a-form/domestic-relations-family-law/> for forms to use in this court.

To get help:

Forms can be printed at the Tuscarawas County Law Library. There may be a fee to print the form packets. The number for the library is 330-365-3224 and it is located at 125 East High Avenue, New Philadelphia. Southeastern Ohio Legal Services may be able to help low-income individuals. They can be reached at 330-339-3998.