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Before You Decide

You do not have to decide everything today. Start by identifying what you need to understand. Reliable information can help you ask better questions and choose the support that fits your situation.

Using this worksheet

These are original, editable preparation tools. They are not court forms, legal advice, signed agreements, or substitutes for your own attorney.

Complete only the information relevant to the task. Leave uncertain answers open. Do not place account numbers, identification numbers, private safety details, or children's addresses in a general worksheet.

Use the provider's approved private communication route for sensitive information. Decide what can be shared before distributing a completed worksheet.

01 Write down your questions. Separate what you know from what you are assuming.

02 Visit California Courts Self-Help and your county's official court website for general information. Record the source and date.

03 List the decisions you want to understand: children, housing, finances, property, and the practical changes in daily life.

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Identify the kind of help each question needs. A mediator supports voluntary discussion; an attorney advises on rights and legal choices; an LDA prepares documents at your direction.
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Choose someone who can offer emotional support. Let them know whether you want listening, practical help, or another kind of support.
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Take one appropriate next step. A consultation can be for information and fit; it does not require you to hire that person.

Notes

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