

How to Win Back Custody of Your Child/Children

Losing custody of a child is an emotionally damaging experience for any parent. Whether your child has been placed with a former spouse, a grandparent, or is under foster care, there are steps you can complete in order to reverse the decision and obtain custody of your child.

We are passionate about uniting families. To help, we have listed some steps you can take to regain custody of your children.

1. Understand the issues that caused you to lose custody.
 - Before you can begin remediating the problem you must first pinpoint why the judge awarded custody to another person. Ask yourself the following questions:
 - Have I violated a court-appointed order?
 - Have I neglected my child?
 - Has someone reported child abuse from me towards my child?
2. Contact experienced legal counsel right away.
 - One of the most important steps you can take is retaining seasoned legal representation right away. A knowledgeable family law attorney can help streamline the process and determine what paperwork and other responsibilities must be completed. A lawyer can advocate in your best interest. In addition, a lawyer can stand by your side as your case progresses to ensure your rights are safeguarded.
3. Abide by all rules and recommendations outlined by the court.
 - It is crucial you do not skip any steps outlined by the court. This includes all hearings and appointments with any court-ordered mediators and any guardian *ad litem* that might be appointed for your child. While it is not incorrect to reschedule appointments, doing so may jeopardize your chances of regaining custody.
4. Remain Patient.
 - To better your chances of gaining custody, be certain to exercise all visitation and parenting time. This can help prove your commitment to fostering a positive relationship with your child. In addition, it is wise to be courteous and polite when collecting your child for visits. Remember, patience is key to any smooth legal process.