

MINOR CHILD NAME CHANGES BY GUARDIAN

I am the child(ren)'s guardian – can I change their name?

Guardian *As the child(ren)'s legal guardian, you can ask the court to legally change their name. There are special forms that guardians can complete for this type of case, available here: <http://www.courts.ca.gov/22585.htm> You will need to be able to show the court that the child is likely to remain in your care until they become an adult, and not likely to be returned to the care of their parent(s). Your court may also require that you file your documents as a part of the existing guardianship case; you may want to check with your local court prior to filing.*

Who do I serve if I am the child(ren)'s guardian?

Guardian service *If you are the legal guardian of a child or children and are trying to legally change the child(ren)'s name, you will need to serve any living parent of the child(ren) at least 30 days before the OSC date. If either or both of the parents have died or cannot be located, you will also need to serve the child(ren)'s living grandparents.*

Live Chat Additional Resources

If you are considering developing a Live Chat program, there are a variety of additional resources available to support your efforts:

- ❖ LiveHelp Project Manager's Toolkit (Probono.net)
<https://www.probono.net/library/attachment.206438>
- ❖ Guidelines for the Operation of Self-Help Centers in California Trial Courts
https://www.courts.ca.gov/partners/documents/self_help_center_guidelines.pdf
- ❖ California Courts Self-Help Center
<https://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp.htm>
- ❖ California Courts Equal Access: Service Delivery Models
<https://www.courts.ca.gov/partners/58.htm>
- ❖ Courts Effectively Deliver Remote Self-Help Services
<https://www.ncsc.org/sitecore/content/microsites/trends/home/Monthly-Trends-Articles/2017/Courts-Effectively-Deliver-Remote-Self-Help-Services.aspx>