



*We are a little
extra this year...*



Sidney, a 23-year-old father, came to Indy Legal Aid in January to establish paternity of his one-year-old son and begin exercising regular parenting time with him since he and the child's mother had recently separated. When he came to the office, he had not seen his son in several months.

Sidney told Jennifer Hammond, his Indy Legal Aid attorney, that he had been doing all the wrong things with his life, including drugs. Fortunately, he had turned his life around and just wanted to be a great dad to his son and give him the best possible life. Prior to Covid-19, Sidney, who was living with his parents at the time, was working as a server at two different restaurants and as

a DJ at wedding receptions. Sidney was able to again resume working at one of the restaurants in the late summer, move out of his parents' home, and even got married to his new girlfriend. During the proceedings, Jennifer said that "Sidney has been wonderful to work with, especially because he is so motivated to do the right thing for his son!"

Despite COVID restrictions, Sidney and his son's mother were able to come to an agreement through their attorneys, and without court intervention, to finalize all the issues. These included establishing paternity, custody, parenting time and child support. Sidney now has liberal parenting time with his son and paying regular child support.

Sidney is very appreciative of the help Jennifer and Indy Legal Aid provided. "Jennifer has done so much for me that I can't begin to thank her," Sidney said. "Without her, I wouldn't be seeing my son."

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