

## Jurisdiction and Venue Decisions Involving the Court of Continuing, Exclusive Jurisdiction

The court issues orders for the protection of the child under **Chapter 262**.

Is there a prior **final order** regarding this child in a different county?

Yes

No

The court that issued the final order has established **Continuing, Exclusive Jurisdiction**.  
TFC §155.001

Has the child resided in the current county for at least six months?

Yes

No

Transfer to the Ch. 262 court is **mandatory** and that court can order transfer from the CCEJ.  
  
TFC §§155.201(b); 262.203(a)(2)

Transfer to the Ch. 262 court is mandatory, if requested by the Ch 262 court TFC §262.203(a).  
  
CCEJ must transfer within 10 days.  
  
Ch 262 court may also transfer case to the CCEJ based on convenience of parties and best interest of child. §262.203(a)(1)

Is there a **pending suit** in another county regarding this child?

Yes

No

A motion to transfer and consolidation order is necessary.  
See TFC §§6.407; 155.202

The Ch. 262 court has jurisdiction to issue a final order.

If grounds exist for transfer based on improper venue, order transfer of the suit to the court having venue of the suit under Chapter 103. TFC § 262.203(a)(3)

**NOTE:**  
A dissolution filed *after* a DFPS SAPCR does not force transfer to the divorce court.  
  
TFC § 262.203(c)