

GENERAL FAMILY LAW RESOURCES

King County Superior Court Family Law Facilitators

The Family Law Facilitator Program at King County Superior Court provides information to family law litigants who are not represented by attorneys. No legal advice is provided.

Customers are assisted on a first-come first-served basis as outlined below. FLIC staff are unable to respond to phone calls or emails.

*If you need assistance with finalizing your divorce by agreement, finalizing your parenting plan case by agreement, starting a minor guardianship proceeding, completing your annual adult guardianship report, or require interpreter services you can book an appointment online (both in-person and virtual appointments are available) at <https://book.appointment-plus.com/db46jcnk/>.

**If you do not have internet access, email facilitators@kingcounty.gov with your request to schedule an appointment. You must state the type of case you need an appointment for (see asterisk above) and leave a phone number for the Facilitators to confirm your appointment.

Locations:

Kent: Maleng Regional Justice Center, 401 4th Ave North, Kent, WA 98032.

Help Desk Walk-ins: A1222 – Mondays and Wednesdays 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm.

Seattle: King County Courthouse, 516 3rd Ave, Seattle, WA 98104.

Help Desk Walk-ins: W-291 – Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm

Family law Instructions can be downloaded at: <https://kingcounty.gov/en/court/superior-court/courts-jails-legal-system/court-programs-children-families/divorce-custody-adoption/family-law-facilitators>. These instructions can guide you through how to file most family law cases and motions in King County.

Family Law Forms can be downloaded at: <http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms/>

King County Bar Association

Neighborhood Legal Clinic

Neighborhood Legal Clinics provide a FREE 30-60 minute consultation with an attorney at 30+ locations across King County and/or by telephone. Attorneys determine whether the client has a legal problem, suggest possible options, and provide appropriate referrals. These attorneys will not represent you in court.

For more information: Call (206) 267-7070 or visit <https://www.kcba.org/?pg=Neighborhood-Legal-Clinics>.

King County Law Library

Seattle Location Only

A walk-in family law forms lab offered in a classroom-like setting where you can ask a volunteer attorney specific questions about your family law forms. The attorneys cannot give you legal advice or suggest a course of action in your case. No appointment necessary.

Every Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Location: 516 Third Ave, Room W621 (6th floor), Seattle, WA 98104.

For more information see: <https://kcll.org/family-law-forms-drafting-lab/>

Call (206) 235-7235 or visit <https://www.qlawfoundation.org/www.q-law.org/legalclinic>.

King County Law Library	Online Resources
<p>Videos on a variety of court related processes and procedures: KCLL Videos - King County Law Library</p> <p>Infographics and in-depth guides on a variety of legal process and procedures: Research Guides - King County Law Library (kccl.org)</p>	
King County Bar Association	Lawyer Referral Service
<p>A 30-minute consultation with an attorney and referral for legal representation will be provided; referrals to attorneys providing “self-help legal services” may be provided without a fee during the pandemic. No income requirements for services.</p> <p>For more information call (206) 267-7010 or visit https://www.kcba.org/?pg=Hire-a-Lawyer</p>	
King County Bar Association	Self Help Plus Program
<p><i>Pro se</i> assistance for low to moderate income King County residents with <i>agreed</i> divorce cases or parenting plan cases when paternity has been established. Attorneys help with legal pleadings, filings, case management, and finalization. Fees are based on a sliding scale depending on income.</p> <p>For more information call (206) 267-7080 or visit http://www.kcba.org/For-the-Public/Free-Legal-Assistance/Self-Help-Plus-Program</p>	
Washington Law Help	
<p>Website with hundreds of free legal education materials, including self-help packets, available for viewing and downloading at: www.washingtonlawhelp.org</p>	
CLEAR (Coordinated Legal Education, Advice and Referral) Hotline	
<p>This is a toll-free legal hotline for people with low incomes. Based on the information you provide, CLEAR may do one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give verbal or written advice that may help you to solve your problem on your own; Send written legal information and/or forms to help you solve the problem on your own; Try to resolve your problem through negotiation; Refer you to another legal aid service. <p><u>In King County</u> call 2-1-1. 2-1-1 is open weekdays 8:00 am - 6:00 pm. 2-1-1 will identify and refer you to the appropriate legal aid provider.</p> <p><u>Outside of King County</u>, call the CLEAR Hotline at 1-888-201-1014 weekdays between 9:15 am - 12:15 pm.</p> <p><u>Seniors (age 60 and over)</u> can also call CLEAR*Sr at 1-888-387-7111 (statewide)</p> <p>2-1-1 and CLEAR will provide interpreters.</p> <p>More Information at: https://nwjustice.org/clear-hotline</p>	

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) RESOURCES

King County Superior Court

Family Court Services

Mediation for disagreements about parenting plans; fees charged according to income. *No income requirements*. Staff are available to assist electronically during business hours at FCS@KingCounty.gov. Emails are responded to during normal business hours Mon-Fri, 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 Mon-Fri.

For more information, go to: <https://kingcounty.gov/en/court/superior-court/courts-jails-legal-system/court-programs-children-families/family-court-services>

King County Superior Court

Early Resolution Case Managers

If both you and the other party in the case are not represented by an attorney and in need of mediation services, staff in the Early Resolution Program may contact you after the Court Review date in your case schedule.

King County Bar Association

Volunteer Family Law Settlement Conference Program

The Settlement Conference Program helps low-income families resolve cases without a trial and offers free settlement conferences with experienced volunteer family law attorneys. *No income requirements*. For more information, please visit:

<https://kingcounty.gov/en/court/superior-court/courts-jails-legal-system/court-programs-children-families/divorce-custody-adoption/family-law-hearings-settlements-trials/settlement-conferences>

CHILD SUPPORT RESOURCES

Washington State DSHS

Division of Child Support

For information on administrative or court ordered child support, please call or visit:

800-442-KIDS (5437) - toll free. (*If you do not have a case, or do not know your number, press "0" for staff assistance*).

<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/division-child-support> (general information)

<https://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/dcs/SSGen/Home> (online child support calculation software – can be used to generate and print child support worksheets)

King County Prosecutor's Office

Family Support Division

Prosecutors may assist with actions to establish paternity and must review child support orders for those who have received or are receiving public assistance. For more information, please call or visit:

(206) 296-9020 – Seattle or (206) 296-9595 – Kent

<https://kingcounty.gov/so-so/dept/pao/about-king-county/about-pao/team-leadership/organizational-structure/family-support>

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESOURCES

King County Prosecutor's Office

Domestic Violence Protection Order Advocacy Program

The Protection Order Advocacy Program is a program within the Domestic Violence Unit of the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. The program assists King County residents and those who recently fled to King County (because of domestic violence) as they petition the courts for protection orders. For more information, please call or visit:

(206) 477-1103 - King County Superior Court (Seattle) or

(206) 477-3758 - Maleng Regional Justice Center (Kent)

For more information, visit:

<https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/pao/courts-jails-legal-system/protection-orders>

Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

A collection of resources to increase public awareness about domestic violence. For more information, please call or visit:

1 (800) 799-7233 – National Domestic Violence Hotline

<https://wscadv.org/?msclid=4ad8ca21aafd11eca9f1de78420f68b3>

New Beginnings

Legal advocates provide assistance and access to resources on protection orders and parenting concerns. The program also provides general support and advocacy for those affected by domestic violence. For more information:

Call the 24-hour hotline at (206) 737-0242 or visit www.newbegin.org

LifeWire (formerly Eastside Domestic Violence Program)

Legal advocates provide assistance for domestic violence victims (including immigrants, men, members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community, and teens) in North and East King County. The program provides the following services: support and comprehensive legal advocacy, connection to local legal clinics, accompaniment to court proceedings, and outreach to domestic violence victims.

For more information:

Call (425) 746-1940 or (800) 827-8840 – 24 Hour Hotline

or visit <https://www.lifewire.org/>

Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP)

A non-profit organization providing free or low-cost, high quality civil legal services to low-income residents of East and Northeast King County. The program also provides domestic violence legal services throughout King County, offering a Family Law Domestic Violence clinic.

For more information:

Call (425) 747-7274

or visit <https://elap.org/domestic-violence/>

King County Coalition Ending Gender Based Violence

Website provides extensive resources for domestic violence survivors.

For more information visit: <https://endgv.org>.

Northwest Network of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian, and Gay Survivors of Abuse

Free and confidential support for LGBTQ survivors of abuse and their friends and families.

877-737-0242 if you are local to Washington
State

800-799-SAFE if you are outside Washington
State,

or visit www.nwnetwork.org

BILINGUAL RESOURCES

King County Superior Court

Office of Interpreter Services

To request an interpreter, please visit <https://kingcounty.gov/en/court/superior-court/courts-jails-legal-system/court-services-resources/interpreter-services>

*Interpreters should be requested **at least five (5) business days** in advance of your hearing.

Consejo Counseling and Referral Service

Agency that provides behavioral health, substance abuse and domestic violence services including prevention, treatment, and housing services to the Latino community in the state of Washington.

Non-attorney advocates may also provide cultural mediation and translation/interpretation as needed to ensure the domestic violence survivor's success during legal and civil actions, e.g. petitions for protection orders, petitions for dissolution, petitions to establish paternity, petitions to establish parenting plan.

Advocates may also provide immigration assistance.

For more information:

Call (206) 461-4880

or visit <http://consejocounseling.org/>

Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA)

Comprehensive support and legal advocacy services in 50 different languages and dialects.

ReWA's bilingual/bicultural domestic violence advocates work with victims to help them apply for protection orders, develop safety plans, access safe shelters, understand and navigate the legal system, as well as connect them to services providing basic needs.

For more information:

Call (206) 721-0243

or visit www.rewa.org

MINOR GUARDIANSHIP RESOURCES

King County Bar Association

Kinship Care Solutions Project

This program provides free legal representation for relatives and other caregivers seeking nonparental custody (also known as third party custody) of a child or children through a panel of volunteer attorneys. This program serves low-income King County residents only.

For more information:

(206) 267-7086

Or visit: <https://www.kcba.org/?pg=Kinship-Care-Solutions>

King County Bar Association

Legal Advice and Referral for Kinship Care (LAARK)

LAARK provides legal advice to kinship caregivers in Washington on matters related to the children in their care. Topics include minor guardianship, the child welfare system, education, housing, and public benefits.

For more information or to apply online go to:

<https://www.kcba.org/?pg=LAARK>

or call the LAARK voicemail and leave a message at 206-267-7075.

LGBTQ+ RESOURCES

Washington State Bar Association

QLAW

QLaw Foundation of Washington offers assistance statewide for civil legal issues through two different virtual Legal Clinics that are hosted several times a month. Legal Clinics provide free consultations who can help clients understand their legal issues, suggest possible next steps, review and assist with completing legal forms, and provide appropriate referrals. *These attorneys are NOT able to represent you directly.*

For more information visit <https://www qlawfoundation.org/legal-clinics/>

Entre Hermanos Seattle's Latino LGBTQ Organization

Promotes the health and well-being of the Latino Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and questioning community in a culturally appropriate environment through disease prevention, education, support services, advocacy and community building.

For more information visit <http://www.entrehermanos.org/>

Ingersoll Gender Center in Seattle

Provides direct peer support, community building, education and advocacy for transgender and gender nonconforming people.

For more information, please visit: <https://ingersollgendercenter.org/>

WASHINGTON STATE LAW WEBSITES

If you don't have access to the internet, please visit the law library in your local courthouse for statutes and rules. Forms are available at the facilitator's office in your courthouse.

WA State Statutes

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw>

WA State Case Law

<https://kcll.org/research/research-guides/washington-case->

	law/?msclkid=892dd7deabbb11ec83ceae43342a3d7a
WA Court Rules	http://www.courts.wa.gov/courtrules
King County Court Rules	https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dja/courts-jails-legal-system/superior-court-local-rules
King County Local Family Law Rules	https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dja/courts-jails-legal-system/superior-court-local-rules/local-family-law-rules
WA Court Forms	http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms
King County Local Forms	https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dja/courts-jails-legal-system/court-forms-document-filing/forms
Search Case Records: To review a list of documents filed in your case, visit: https://dja-prd-ecexap1.kingcounty.gov/?q=Home	