

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.

The Family Law Information Center is assisting people by phone only. If you need assistance, please call our office from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon at:

206-263-FLIC (3542)

When calling, have your case number ready so Facilitators can efficiently serve you. Facilitators may ask you to call back if you have a case number but do not have it ready.

Important! We are experiencing high call volumes and long wait times. Many questions can be answered by looking at the following webpages:

Family law Instructions can be downloaded at: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/family.aspx> The instructions will guide you through how to file most family law cases and motions.

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 minute consultation with an attorney at 39 locations across King County. 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 www.kcba.org/pbs/nlc.aspx

King County Bar Association

Self Help Plus Program

Pro se assistance for low to moderate income King County residents with *agreed* 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. For more information:

Call (206) 267-7080 or visit <http://www.kcba.org/For-the-Public/Free-Legal-Assistance/Self-Help-Plus-Program>

King County Bar Association

Lawyer Referral Service

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*. For more information:

Call (206) 267-7010 or visit <https://www.kcba.org/For-the-Public/Hire-a-Lawyer>

Washington State Bar Association

Moderate Means Program

The Moderate Means Program is a partnership between the Washington State Bar Association and Washington’s three law schools, connecting people within 200–400% of the Federal Poverty Level to lawyers who offer legal help at reduced fees. For more information:

Call (855) 741-6930 or visit <http://www.moderatemeanswa.com/>

Washington State Bar Association

QLAW

The QLAW Foundation LGBTQ2S+ Legal Clinic offers a **free** 30-minute consultation with a volunteer attorney, who is specially trained to discuss legal issues commonly faced by members of the LGBTQ+ community. Consultations are by appointment only and appointments are typically held on the **1st or 3rd Thursday of each month**. For more information:

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

Legal Voice

Statewide website that provides legal information, referrals, and “self-help” legal materials. The program provides free resources about family law issues, including divorce, custody and child support. *No income requirements*. For more information, please call or visit:

(206) 682-9552

General Inquiries: info@LegalVoice.org

Self-help resources: <https://www.legalvoice.org/tools-family>

Washington Law Help

Website with hundreds of free legal education materials, including self-help packets, available for viewing and downloading at: www.washingtonlawhelp.org

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, visit:

<https://kingcounty.gov/courts/superiorcourt/family/services.aspx?msclkid=8c107affaaf811eca377fcd2b44a2a95>

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. For more information about the Court Review, visit:

<https://kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/family/status-conference.aspx>.

King County Bar Association

Volunteer Family Law Settlement Conference Program

Free settlement conferences with experienced volunteer family law attorneys. *No income requirements.* For more information, please visit:

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/get-help/settlement-conferences/volunteer-settle.aspx>

King County Bar Association

Mediator Referral Services

King County hotline that provides referrals to professional mediators who may charge for their services. *No income requirements.* For more information:

Call (206) 267-7010 or visit <http://www.kcba.org/For-the-Public/Hire-a-Mediator>

CHILD SUPPORT RESOURCES

Washington State DSHS

Division of Child Support

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

(206) 341-7000

(800) 922-4306 - toll free

<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/child-support?msclkid=b769c64daafa11ec9967450ac76ca3be>

<https://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/dcs/SSGen/Home> (online child support calculation software)

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/depts/prosecutor/child-support.aspx>

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 Maleng Regional Justice Center (Kent)

<http://protectionorder.org/>

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/?msclkid=4ad8ca21aafd11eca9f1de78420f68b3>

New Beginnings

<p>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:</p> <p>Call the 24-hour hotline at (206) 737-0242 – 24 Hour Hotline or visit www.newbegin.org</p>	
Lifewire (formerly Eastside Domestic Violence Program)	
<p>Legal advocates provide assistance for domestic violence victims in North and East King County. This 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:</p> <p>Call (425) 746-1940 or (800) 827.8840 – 24 Hour Hotline or visit https://www.lifewire.org/</p>	
King County Bar Association	Family Law Mentor Program
<p>Volunteer attorneys provide legal services to King County residents who are low-income married or unmarried parents with contested family law cases (e.g. dissolution, petitions to establish a parenting plan, or paternity cases) where children are at risk because of domestic violence, child abuse/neglect, or alcohol/drug abuse. For more information:</p> <p>Email familylaw@kcba.org</p> <p>Or visit https://www.kcba.org/For-the-Public/Free-Legal-Assistance/Family-Law-Mentor-Program?msclkid=7bc1f97eaafe11ec88d6f2f07b22cd2a</p>	
King County Bar Association	Domestic Violence Family Law Clinic
<p>The Clinic provides domestic violence survivors with a free consultation with an attorney about family law issues, including divorce, custody, child support, and parentage. Currently, the clinic is operating by phone only. For more information:</p> <p>Call (206) 783-2848 (Wednesdays from 1 PM to 3 PM to speak with an attorney)</p>	
Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP)	
<p>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:</p> <p>Call (425) 747-7274 or visit http://www.elap.org.</p>	
King County Coalition Ending Gender Based Violence	
<p>Website provides extensive resources for domestic violence survivors at https://endgv.org.</p>	
Northwest Network of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian, and Gay Survivors of Abuse	
<p>Free and confidential support for LGBTQ survivors of abuse and their friends and families.</p> <p>877-737-0242 if you are local to Washington State</p> <p>800-799-SAFE if you are outside Washington State,</p> <p>or visit www.nwnetwork.org</p>	
Northwest Justice Project CLEAR Hotline	
<p>Low income parties may receive legal advice and referrals by phone. Screening for representation by a staff attorney is limited to cases involving domestic violence posing an imminent threat to a party or children. For more information:</p> <p>In King County, WA: Call 211 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. 211 will identify and refer you to the appropriate legal aid provider. 211 and CLEAR will provide language interpreters.</p> <p>Outside of King County, WA: Call 1-888-201-1014 weekdays between 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.)</p> <p>Persons age 60 and over: Call 1-888-387-7111 (statewide)</p> <p>Or visit www.nwjjustice.org</p>	
BILINGUAL RESOURCES	
King County Superior Court	Office of Interpreter Services
<p>To request an interpreter, please visit https://kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/interpreter-services.aspx. Interpreters should be requested <i>at least five (5) business days</i> in advance of your hearing.</p>	
King County Bar Association	Lawyer Referral Service

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Call (206) 267-7010 or visit <https://www.kcba.org/For-the-Public/Hire-a-Lawyer>

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.

Call (206) 461-4880 or visit <http://consejocounseling.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) 620-2778 or visit <http://www.elap.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

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206-263-FLIC (3542)

For more information about minor guardianship forms and processes, please visit:

<https://kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/ex-parte-probate/Minor-Guardianships.aspx?msclkid=06f3efdfabb911ec86d016eea72e0892>.

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 <http://www.kcba.org/For-the-Public/Free-Legal-Assistance/Kinship-Care-Solutions>

LGBTQ+ RESOURCES

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:

Call (206) 322-7700 or 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: www.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	http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/Clerk/Rules
King County Local Family Law Rules	http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/Clerk/Rules
WA Court Forms	http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms
King County Local Forms	http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/scforms

Search Case Records:

To review a list of documents filed in your case, visit: <https://dja-prd-ecexap1.kingcounty.gov/?q=Home>