

## 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 at the Help Desk or with a scheduled appointment, rather than the phone line. If you are unable to visit the Help Desk, book an appointment online at <https://book.appointment-plus.com/db46jcnk/>. If you do not have internet access, call 206-263-FLIC (3542) and leave a message to schedule an appointment. Please note, Facilitators cannot respond to messages other than setting appointments.

**Kent Location:** Maleng Regional Justice Center, 401 4<sup>th</sup> Ave North, Kent, WA 98032

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

**Seattle Location:** King County Courthouse, 516 3<sup>rd</sup> 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://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](http://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>

### King County Law Library

### Seattle Location Only

Every Wednesday 2pm - 4pm in the Seattle Law Library speak with an attorney as you fill out your family law forms. Help is provided on a first-come first-serve basis. Bring your own forms, otherwise the library charges for printing and forms. For more information:

Location: 516 Third Ave, Room W621 (6<sup>th</sup> floor), Seattle, WA 98104

Call: (206) 477-1305

Visit: <https://kcll.org/event/family-law-forms-lab/2023-06-28/>

### 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 **1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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

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 – 24 Hour Hotline or visit [www.newbegin.org](http://www.newbegin.org)

### Lifewire (formerly Eastside Domestic Violence Program)

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:

Call (425) 746-1940 or (800) 827.8840 – 24 Hour Hotline or visit <https://www.lifewire.org/>

### King County Bar Association

### Family Law Mentor Program

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:

Email [familylaw@kcba.org](mailto:familylaw@kcba.org)

Or visit <https://www.kcba.org/For-the-Public/Free-Legal-Assistance/Family-Law-Mentor-Program?msclkid=7bc1f97eafe11ec88d6f2f07b22cd2a>

### King County Bar Association

### Domestic Violence Family Law Clinic

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:

Call (206) 783-2848 (Wednesdays from 1 PM to 3 PM to speak with an attorney)

### 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 <http://www.elap.org>.

### King County Coalition Ending Gender Based Violence

Website provides extensive resources for domestic violence survivors at <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](http://www.nwnetwork.org)

**Northwest Justice Project CLEAR Hotline**

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:

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.

Outside of King County, WA: Call 1-888-201-1014 weekdays between 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.)

Persons age 60 and over: Call 1-888-387-7111 (statewide)

Or visit [www.nwjustice.org](http://www.nwjustice.org)

**BILINGUAL RESOURCES****King County Superior Court****Office of Interpreter Services**

To request an interpreter, please visit <https://kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/interpreter-services.aspx>. Interpreters should be requested *at least five (5) business days* in advance of your hearing.

**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.* **Interpreters available upon request.** For more information:

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](http://www.rewa.org)

**MINOR GUARDIANSHIP RESOURCES****King County Superior Court Family Law**

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. See page 1 for office hours.

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](http://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.

<b>WA State Statutes</b>	<a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw">http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw</a>
<b>WA State Case Law</b>	<a href="https://kcll.org/research/research-guides/washington-case-law/?msclid=892dd7deabbb11ec83ceae43342a3d7a">https://kcll.org/research/research-guides/washington-case-law/?msclid=892dd7deabbb11ec83ceae43342a3d7a</a>
<b>WA Court Rules</b>	<a href="http://www.courts.wa.gov/courtrules">http://www.courts.wa.gov/courtrules</a>
<b>King County Court Rules</b>	<a href="http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/Clerk/Rules">http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/Clerk/Rules</a>
<b>King County Local Family Law Rules</b>	<a href="http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/Clerk/Rules">http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/Clerk/Rules</a>
<b>WA Court Forms</b>	<a href="http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms">http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms</a>
<b>King County Local Forms</b>	<a href="http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/scforms">http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/scforms</a>

**Search Case Records:**

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