

Family Self Help Center

MISSION STATEMENT

The Family Division of the Second Judicial District Court is committed to ensuring equal access to the legal process for all litigants involved in Family Court proceedings. For that purpose, the Family Court Self Help Center provides information and resources to pro per litigants who otherwise do not have access to the legal assistance in Washoe County or who choose to represent themselves, regardless of their financial status.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

The Family Court Self Help Center does not provide legal representation for court proceedings. Those seeking assistance from the Family Court Self Help Center are not clients of the Center. There is no Attorney/Client relationship between those that seek the assistance of the Family Court Self Help Center and the staff of the Center. The staff is here to assist those who represent themselves and need assistance in such things:

Preparation of documents.

Court procedures.

Information regarding the filing and service of documents.

General information involving the Family Court and Nevada Law.

Referrals to other services.

This office cannot, and does not, take the place of private counsel. If you can afford an attorney, it is recommended by this office that you retain private counsel to represent you in any legal matter.

NATURE OF SERVICES TO PUBLIC

The Family Court Self Help Center provides access to legal information and resources to help pro per litigants represent themselves in family law matters when legal representation and assistance is inaccessible or litigants choose to represent themselves.

General services include:

Facilitating access to, and providing direction on how to use, the Nevada Statutes and Nevada case law;

Making general information about the nature of family law proceedings available;

Formulating and producing pro per pleading packets with instructions;

Making referrals to available legal resources in the community, and other appropriate services within the Court and community;

Conducting classes for pro per litigants on such things as properly filling out the packets, courtroom etiquette, and preparation of their evidence for the Court.

LIMITATION OF SERVICE TO PUBLIC

- The Family Court Self Help Center does not provide legal advice or services to litigants who are represented by private counsel.
- The Family Court Self Help Center does not represent pro per litigants in court or before judges in emergency matters.
- The Family Court Self Help Center does not have ex parte access to judicial officers on behalf of pro per litigants.
- The Family Court Self Help Center does not provide legal advice or services to litigants regarding Supreme Court appeals other than to direct them to the Rules of Appellate Procedure.
- The Family Court Self Help Center does not refer pro per litigants directly to specific private attorneys.
- The Family Court Self Help Center does not evaluate the pro per's case or offer an opinion on what results can be expected.

