



Legal Resources

Northwest Justice Project Coordinated Legal Education, Advice & Referral (CLEAR) system (low income only)
1-888-201-1014 or 206-464-1519
<http://www.nwjustice.org>

CLEAR
A coordinated legal education, advise and referral system
1-888-201-1014
1-888-201-9737 TDD

Washington State Bar Association

To find legal referral services near you, call 1-800-945-9722
<http://www.wsba.org>

Washington Courts

To find legal referral services near you, call 1-800-945-9722
<http://www.wsba.org>

Division of Child Support
www.dshs.wa.gov/dcs/

Legal Clinics and Legal Information
wsba.org/atj/contact/legasst.htm
washingtonlawhelp.org

Division of Child Support
DCS-CRU@dshs.wa.gov

All information in DCS records is confidential. We can answer general questions for anyone, but we cannot discuss specific case details unless we have your written permission.

Call the DCS office nearest you or call 800-442-KIDS (5437) to find the office handling your case.

Division of Child Support Offices:

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| Everett | 800-729-7580 425-438-4800 |
| Kennewick | 800-345-9981 509-374-2000 |
| Olympia | 800-345-9964 360-664-6900 |
| Seattle | 800-526-8658 206-341-7000 |
| Spokane | 800-345-9982 509-363-5000 |
| Tacoma | 800-345-9976 253-597-3700 |
| Vancouver | 800-345-9984 360-696-6100 |
| Wenatchee | 800-535-1113 509-886-6800 |
| Yakima | 800-441-0859 509-249-6000 |
| Headquarters | 800-457-6202 360-664-5000 |

Washington State's Child Support Program



How do I get parenting time and visitation?



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Can the Division of Child Support (DCS) help me with visitation and custody problems?

No. Washington state law (Revised Code of Washington 74.20.040), does not give DCS legal authority to work with parents on custody or visitation concerns.

If you are not allowed to see your children because of a no-contact order or domestic violence order, you should contact an attorney to see if you can change the order.

What is a parenting plan?

When you and the other parent are not living together, you can make a plan that explains how you will parent your children. A parenting plan is a legal document (called a court order) that sets out the times that the child(ren) will reside (live) with each parent. If the parents do not agree, a judge decides.

The plan addresses the issues parents think are important in the children's upbringing. It also says where the children will reside and how the parents will share time with their children.

How can I get a parenting plan?

Parents often file parenting plans in court when they file for divorce. Unmarried parents can also file a parenting plan in court. Contact an attorney, Family Law Court Facilitator, mediation services or a community legal clinic for help with this process.

Facilitators are located in county clerk offices. A facilitator provides forms and information, usually for a fee about the "pro se" process but cannot give you legal advice. Taking "pro se" court action means "you do it yourself."

For more information, call DCS, your local courthouse or go to the courts web site at <http://www.courts.wa.gov>. Select court directory. Then select courthouse facilitator.

What if I have a parenting plan and the other parent does not let me see my children?

If you have a parenting plan but the other parent is not honoring the terms of the plan, you can contact an attorney or Family Law Court Facilitator to take the other parent to court for contempt.

How else can I get help?

Dispute resolution through mediation is helpful, but may not work for everyone. Dispute resolution:

- Is voluntary for both parents. No one is forced to use mediation services.
- Is a place you can go to and talk about problems.
- Helps you discuss and resolve problems with a trained, neutral person.
- Helps you understand each other's point of view.
- Isn't appropriate when there are family violence issues.

How can I contact someone to help me set up mediation?

Some Dispute Resolution Centers (DRCs) often charge a fee and some do not offer family mediation services. Not all DRCs offer family services. For more information, call 800-280-4770 or the DRC nearest you. The Resolution Washington website also has helpful information at <http://www.resolutionwa.org>.



Dispute Resolution Centers that offer family services

Eastern Washington

- Inland Mediation Center (Spokane County) 509-456-0103
- Fulcrum Institute Dispute Resolution Clinic 509-838-2799

Central Washington

- Benton Franklin DRC 509-783-3325
- DRC of Yakima and Kittitas Counties 509-453-8949
- Okanogan County DRC 509-826-1776

Western Washington

- King County DRC 206-443-9603
- DRC of Kitsap County 360-698-0968
- DRC of Lewis County 360-748-0492
- Mediation and Settlement Center (Pacific and Grays Harbor Counties) 360-249-1925
- Peninsula DRC (Clallam and Jefferson Counties) 360-452-8024
- Pierce County Center for Dispute Resolution 253-572-3657
- DRC of Snohomish and Island Counties 800-280-4770
- DRC of Thurston County 3 360-956-1155
- Whatcom DRC 360-676-0122

Other Helpful Groups

- Caring Connections (Clark County) 360-823-5178