

## **FAMILY LAW RESOURCES**

### **Maryland Legal Aid Bureau 410-535-3278**

Provides free legal services to financially eligible individuals. Areas of law covered:

- Consumer rights
- Elder rights
- Employment
- Family
- Farmworkers rights
- Government benefits
- Health care
- Housing

### **Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service 410-547-6537/1-800-510-0050**

Available to Maryland residents who earn no more than 50% of state median income.

Family law areas covered:

- Adult guardianship
- Child custody
- Divorce
- Name changes

### **Family Law Hotline**

**1-800-845-8550 Mon-Fri 9:30-4:30**

- Staffed by experienced family law attorneys
- Answers basic family law questions
- Open to Maryland residents with low income

### **Legal Forms Hotline**

**1-800-818-9888 Tue, Wed, Fri 9-12:30  
Thu 9-4**

The Hotline attorney can explain:

- How to complete the required domestic relations forms
- How to file the papers
- How to move your case forward

**For further information on  
Family Law Assistance,  
Contact the Family Services  
Office**

**175 Main Street**

**Prince Frederick, MD 20678**

**410-535-1600, Ext. 2516 or 2524**



## **FAMILY LAW ASSISTANCE**

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***Free legal consultation for***

***Divorce***

***Custody***

***Visitation***

***Child Support***

***A program of the Family Services Office  
of the Circuit Court for Calvert County  
funded through a grant from the  
Maryland Administrative Office of the  
Courts***

## **USING FAMILY LAW ASSISTANCE SERVICES**

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The Family Services Office of the Circuit Court for Calvert County offers a free clinic for those in need of legal advice and assistance with Family Law issues.

The **Family Law Assistance Clinic** provides the opportunity for you to speak with an attorney free of charge in a brief consultation. This consultation is not an agreement for legal representation.

### ***Things to Remember:***

***This is a first come, first served program.***

***Bring all paperwork about your case.***

***It is best to leave small children at home.***

## **WHAT THE ATTORNEY WILL DO**

Offer assistance and advice on how to represent yourself in family law cases.

Answer questions about the legal process for family law cases.

Assist in completing relevant forms and papers for filing with the court for family law cases.

Answer specific questions about ongoing family law cases for those who do not have an attorney

## **WHEN THIS SERVICE IS OFFERED**

There is no need to make an appointment for the legal assistance clinic. The clinic is offered every Wednesday from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. On the day of the clinic, you must complete a brief intake at the Family Services Office on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Circuit Courthouse. You will be given a number and called in number order when the clinic begins. Intake begins at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesdays.

## **FAMILY LAW RESOURCES**

### **The People's Law Library**

[www.peoples-law.org](http://www.peoples-law.org)

- Provides in-depth information on Maryland law and links to legal service organizations
- Provides self-tests to determine whether your case is appropriate for self-representation
- Defines legal terms
- Provides link to court forms
- Provides information on preparing for your day in court
- Provides information on appealing or enforcing a decision

### **Maryland Courts**

[www.mdcourts.gov](http://www.mdcourts.gov)

Find the following videos under the **Legal Help-Self Help Videos** tab from the home page:

- Serving the Opposing Party (9 min.)
- Finding Legal Help (10 min.)
- Tips for Your Day in Court (4 min.)
- The Maryland Court System (10 min.)

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