

Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati

Contact LAS through the Legal Aid Line at 513-241-9400
or TOLL FREE at 1-800-582-2682
or apply in person, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm at
215 East 9th Street, Suite 200, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

Must meet income qualifications.

Case must meet Legal Aid's case acceptance criteria.

You can also apply to Legal Aid for the **Volunteer Lawyers Project**:

The Volunteer Lawyers Project is made up of private attorneys who provide free legal services for clients who are referred by the Legal Aid Society. Legal Aid is the front door for the Volunteer Lawyers Project. Clients must meet income qualifications and have the type of case that meets Legal Aid's acceptance criteria.

For uncontested divorce clinics with NO children* and NO property: Legal Aid and the Volunteer Lawyers Project can help with divorce where the couple has no children together and no property debts.

*One exception to the "no children" rule is if both parents' parental rights have been terminated.

If you are accepted into the clinic, a paralegal will prepare all of the paperwork and a lawyer will represent you at the court hearing. This is a good option for people who meet the criteria (no children/no property) but do not feel comfortable preparing the paperwork on their own or being in court without a lawyer. However, this option can take twice as long (approximately 6-8 months) as filing the case on your own.

Hamilton County Family Law Clinic: **Legal Resources**

Cincinnati Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service

\$50.00 fee for 30-minute consultation (veteran/military are free).

Fees charged after that first half-hour are at the attorney's private rate. There is no charge for the referral to the attorney.

If you need more help determining your needs,

Call TOLL FREE at 888-628-2577 or fill out the form online:
www.cincybar.org/news-resources/find-lawyer/referral-request.php.

If you know what you need, receive a free legal toolkit, view a glossary of terms, and browse for a Cincinnati lawyer by area of law:
www.cincinnatiindalawyer.org/.

Modest Means Program

Modest Means Program accepts divorce, bankruptcy, foreclosure, and simple estate planning cases only. The program helps "bridge the gap" for those individuals who do not qualify for indigent legal aid, pro bono programs or any other no/low cost legal services or those who cannot afford to pay current market rate for attorney's fees. This is not a free service, but the lawyers who participate in this program charge reduced fees.

For divorces, there is an upfront retainer of \$390 for divorce w/NO children and \$650 for divorce w/children.

The rate is a discounted \$65/hour.

To see if you qualify or if you would like more information, call 513-699-4025.

Hamilton County Law Library

The Hamilton County Law Library provides professional, practical legal research services, relevant information and education to the public, its subscribers, the members of the Ohio general assembly, and officers and judges of Hamilton County and its townships and municipalities.

None of these services shall be construed as giving legal advice.

The law library is open Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm at
1000 Main Street, Room 301, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

All staff can be reached at 513-946-5300
or, for research-related inquiries, use the online form found at:
<http://lawlibrary.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/contact-us/>.

Pro Seniors

The Legal Hotline provides free legal information, advice, and referral for residents of Ohio age 60 and over, regardless of income or resources. Appointments are scheduled in 30-minute blocks for callers to talk to one of twelve licensed attorneys who handle Legal Hotline calls. Telephone appointments are made Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm. In the Cincinnati area, please call 513-345-4160. Outside the local calling area, you can reach the Legal Hotline TOLL FREE at 1-800-488-6070.

Pro Seniors is the only legal organization in Ohio with experts in pension law. The **Mid-America Pension Rights Project** helps residents of ANY AGE with pension issues, or individuals who worked in or worked for a company with headquarters located in: Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee. If you have questions about your pension, or believe you might be entitled to pension money, please call 513-345-4160 and visit www.proseniors.org/legal-services/pension-rights-project/ for more resources about pensions.

Hamilton County: Child Support Enforcement Agency

This agency provides free help to establish a child support order if you are living separately from the child's other parent. You do not have to file for divorce or custody in order to get help with a child support order.

For more information about how to apply, visit:

www.hcjfs.org/services/child-support/how-to-apply/.

You can also contact Hamilton County Child Support Services directly Monday-Friday, 7:30am-4:30pm at 513-946-7387 or chat live online with a representative 11am-1pm at www.hcjfs.org/services/child-support/chat-live-with-us/.

Children's Law Center

This non-profit legal service center protects the rights of children and youth through individual legal advocacy within the Juvenile or Criminal Justice, Family Court, Child Welfare, Mental Health, and Education systems. They offer services in both Kentucky and Ohio. If you are interested in learning how they might be able to help with your situation, call Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm.

Children's Law Center - Covington: 859-431-3313
1002 Russell Street, Covington, KY, 41011

Children's Law Center - Lexington: 859-253-3353
215 West Short Street, Suite 205, Lexington, KY 40507



Resources for those experiencing domestic violence:



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See reverse side for information on how to contact LAS. Although Legal Aid has limited resources and is not able to help everyone, it does prioritize cases where victims are in urgent need of legal help for civil protection orders, divorce and custody. Legal Aid can also help with housing, benefits and education problems that arise due to domestic violence.

Women Helping Women

This organization empowers survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking by providing advocacy, support and options for safety and educates the community to create social change.

Phone: 513-977-5541

24-Hour Crisis Line: 513-381-5610

To view more services & events, check out:
www.womenhelpingwomen.org/.

Staff and volunteers accompany sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking survivors to criminal and civil court daily in Hamilton County, and works directly with the Cincinnati Police Department, Cincinnati Prosecutor's Office and the Legal Aid Society to provide support, crisis intervention and advocacy to survivors during various phases of a case. Staff can also assist in filling out the necessary paperwork to obtain a Civil Protection Order.

The Crime Victims Compensation unit administers awards of compensation in accordance with Ohio's Crime Victims Compensation Law, which provides payments to eligible survivors of violent crime for unreimbursed economic losses. Advocates are trained by the Attorney General's office to assist in filing compensation claims. Please call the hotline to schedule an appointment to begin the filing process. To contact the CVC unit, please call 1-800-582-2877 or visit www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Victim for additional information.

Victim Information & Notification Everyday (VINE) provides free, anonymous, 24-hour access, over the phone or online, to the custody status and change in custody status of offenders in the Ohio Dept of Rehabilitation and Correction, county jails, and juvenile inmates in the Dept of Youth Services. For more information, please call the hotline or go to www.VINELink.com. An advocate can help you register in person or over the phone.

Staff and volunteers are also available 24-hours/day, 7 days/week, 365 days/year to provide support to survivors in area hospital emergency rooms.

YWCA of Greater Cincinnati

This organization seeks to eliminate racism, empower women, stand up for social justice, help families, and strengthen communities.

24-Hour Hotline Assistance

Locally: 513-872-9259

TOLL FREE: 888-872-9259

Administrative location:

898 Walnut Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202

To view more services & events, check out:
www.ywcacincinnati.org/.

YWCA partners with Hamilton County Jobs & Family Services - Children Services to ensure that children are safe and together with the non-offending parent and that perpetrators are provided an opportunity to make behavioral changes. Services include consultation, assessment, direct services and training.

The YWCA provides safe protective shelter, crisis line assistance and necessary supportive services for adults and their children to move them toward self-sufficiency, independence and freedom from abuse. YWCA hotline advocates can provide peer counseling and moral support, assistance with creating a safety plan and determining if shelter is appropriate for you, as well as information about restraining orders. Call the 24-hour Hotline.

- Only domestic violence shelter in Hamilton County
- Shelters up to 72 adults and children
- Services for immigrant women
- Employment Resource Program
- Children's Program
- Pet protection services